

IAG's Record Breaking Signature Auction - Sale 98!

International Auction Galleries' latest Signature Sale - Sale 98 in October, proved to be another record breaking auction in a series of highly successful sales held by them. Signature Sale 98's total realisations came in over \$1.8 Million, with a high overall clearance rate of 90%. More than 1,000 online bidders enjoyed a lively three days of bidding, with several lots attracting more than 60 bids, resulting in over 500 buyers!

The top price of the auction went to a unique Collins-Allen 5 Pound Specimen colour trial of the 'no mosaic' type. This banknote is so rare that it has not even been listed anywhere, nor been in public auction, and was knocked down for a record \$73,200. Another key banknote price was an unissued Specimen/trial 5 Shillings, a denomination that was never actually produced. This highly important note, originally from the estate of Cerutti (one of the signatories) is one of only five such examples known in private hands, and sold for a strong \$54,990.



These two Key banknotes Realised \$54,999 and \$73,200 respectively!

Key coin sales of note included a superb proof 1897M Half Sovereign. This exceptionally rare, proof-only year was sold for \$62,220, a good price for this lovely coin. A gold 1967 Pattern 'Goose' Dollar - one of only 7 examples surviving - lived up to its popular and iconic status, with seven bidders fighting it out and after more than 20 bids, the coin was eventually knocked down for a World Record price of \$46,970, almost double reserve!



These three Important coins we knocked down for \$152,500 in total!

Other key coin sales included an elusive 1916 Mule Halfpenny (struck with the Indian Quarter Anna Obverse design in error). This coin is a true numismatic rarity, with only a handful of examples known, and as the first such example seen on the market in the last four years it attracted significant bidding, to finally be knocked down for \$43,310. The 1920 Dot Above English Obverse Penny is one of the absolute key variety issues. This example sold for \$36,600, justifying its rarity and condition as the finest known, graded at AU 58. A PCGS graded 1951PL proof set of four achieved the top price amongst the proof coins, realising \$21,960, whilst a choice 1911 Florin topped the Pre Decimal coins selling for \$11,224. Two Adelaide Pounds; one EF and one aU/Unc sold for \$18,300 and \$26,840 respectively, with some high grade PCGS graded gold also attracting significant interest.



Two Adelaide Pounds and restrike Adelaide 5 Pound proved popular:

High denomination Pre Decimal Banknotes were also in strong demand, with four examples of key notes on offer, with two 'square' 10 Pounds of 1913 and 1918, a 20 Pound 1918 and a 50 Pound 1920 collectively fetching a total of \$123,830 to strong bidding. Another early issue in demand was a 10 Shillings 1913 with red serials (R 1c) achieving \$12,000, whilst a rare 1 Pound Armitage-McFarlane starnote in Unc - one of the key starnotes and almost never seen in this grade - was knocked down for \$34,160. A huge selection of Decimal Banknotes including Star Notes, Specimens and many key First and Last prefixes attracted heavy interest, with some of the rarer Decimal First Prefixes gathering more than 60 bids! Error banknotes also proved a hit, with a three way battle ensuing for two error \$2 notes from the same sheet, both missing all colour print on both sides, finally hammered down for \$9,272.



Four large denomination "Square" key Pre-Decimal issues Sold for \$123,830!

Top price in the World Coins on offer went to a Fiji Specimen 1937 Sixpence that was struck as a one-off presentation piece for the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose on a visit to the Royal Mint, London in 1937, and were ex the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint, Sir Robert Johnsons collection, later acquired by A.H.F Baldwin in 1938. This outstanding rarity realised \$18,300. A rare Brazillian gold 20,000 Reis of 1726 was another highlight, selling for \$7,564. A strong selection of World Banknotes featured five very rare Chinese Banknotes from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation which collectively garnered over 150 bids, with the final realisation price of the five notes totalling \$42,456!



These Rare Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Notes realised \$42,456

A British Cromwell Crown in EF was sold for \$12,000, there were some exciting error coins sold with a 50 Cent Parliament House trial issue bringing \$6,100 and a spectacular 50 Cent bonded die cap error realising the same amount. A selection of Decimal coinage was headlined by a 1966 set of 4 Proof-of-Record coins from the London Mint, which sold for \$15,000, including the only such known Two Cent in private hands. A Domitian gold Aureus topped the Ancients, selling for \$7,320, whilst an interesting selection of Pattern and Restrikes was highlighted by notorious forger David Gee's attempt at a Type I Adelaide Pound, which doubled its estimate after more than 20 bids, finally selling for \$7,564!



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Sale 98 achieved amazing sale prices as seen in the images above!

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