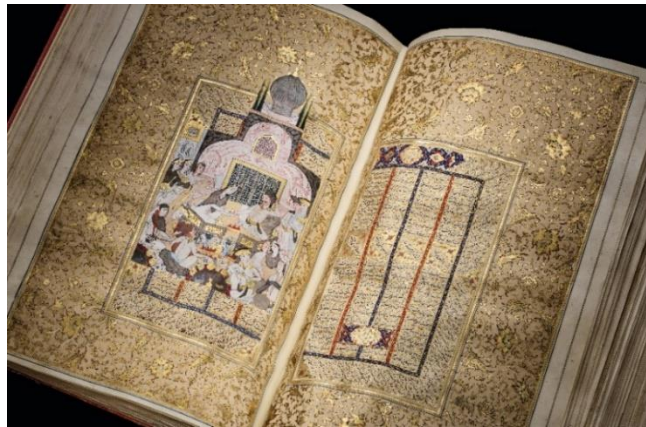


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## ART OF THE ISLAMIC AND INDIAN WORLDS INCLUDING RUGS AND CARPETS ACHIEVES £10,021,672

**A Rare and Important Illustrated and  
Illuminated Persian Manuscript  
achieves £2,944,000  
more than five times the low estimate**



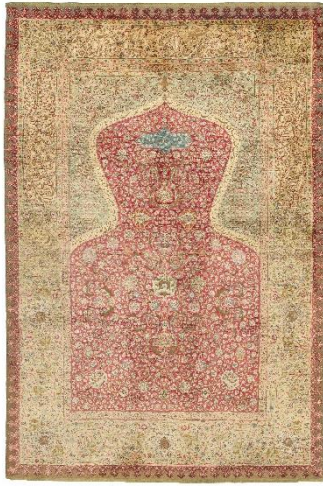
An Important Shirazi copy of the *Khamsas* of Nizami and Amir Khusraw Dihlavi.  
Shiraz, Iran.  
Realised £2,944,000

**LONDON** – Art of the Islamic and Indian Worlds including Rugs and Carpets sale took place live at Christie's London on 25 April 2024, realising a total of £10,021,672. This season the sale comprised 261 lots including paintings, ceramics, metalwork, works on paper, arms and armour, textiles and rugs and carpets from across the Islamic world with works dating from the 10<sup>th</sup> century to the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

One of the masterpieces leading the sale (*illustrated above*), a rare and complete illustrated manuscript copy of the *Khamsa* of Nizami (d.1209) together with the *Khamsa* of Amir Khusraw Dihlavi (d.1325), realised £2,944,000 more than five times its pre-sale estimate (£500,000-700,000) following competitive bidding online and on the telephones. This splendid manuscript is an outstanding example of the Safavid arts of the book in the first half of the 17th century.

### Highlights:

Lot 171, (*illustrated below left*) Sultans of Silk: The George Farrow Collection. A silk and metal-thread Koum Kapi Prayer Rug signed Zareh Penyamin, Istanbul, Turkey, circa 1920. Realised £277,200 (Estimate £50,000-70,000). Lot 74, (*illustrated below centre*) Property from the Collection of Charles and Regina Slatkin: Portrait of a Prince with Attendant signed Mahmud Muzahhib, Shaybanid Bukhara, circa 1550. Realised £176,400. (Estimate £30,000-50,000). Lot 237, (*illustrated below right*), A Rare Ushak Medallion Court Carpet, Ottoman Turkey, 1475-1485. Realised £189,000. (Estimate 80,000-120,000). Lot 19, (*illustrated second row*), a Maghribi Qur'an section, probably Morocco, circa 1300. Realised £315,000. (Estimate £120,000-180,000).



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