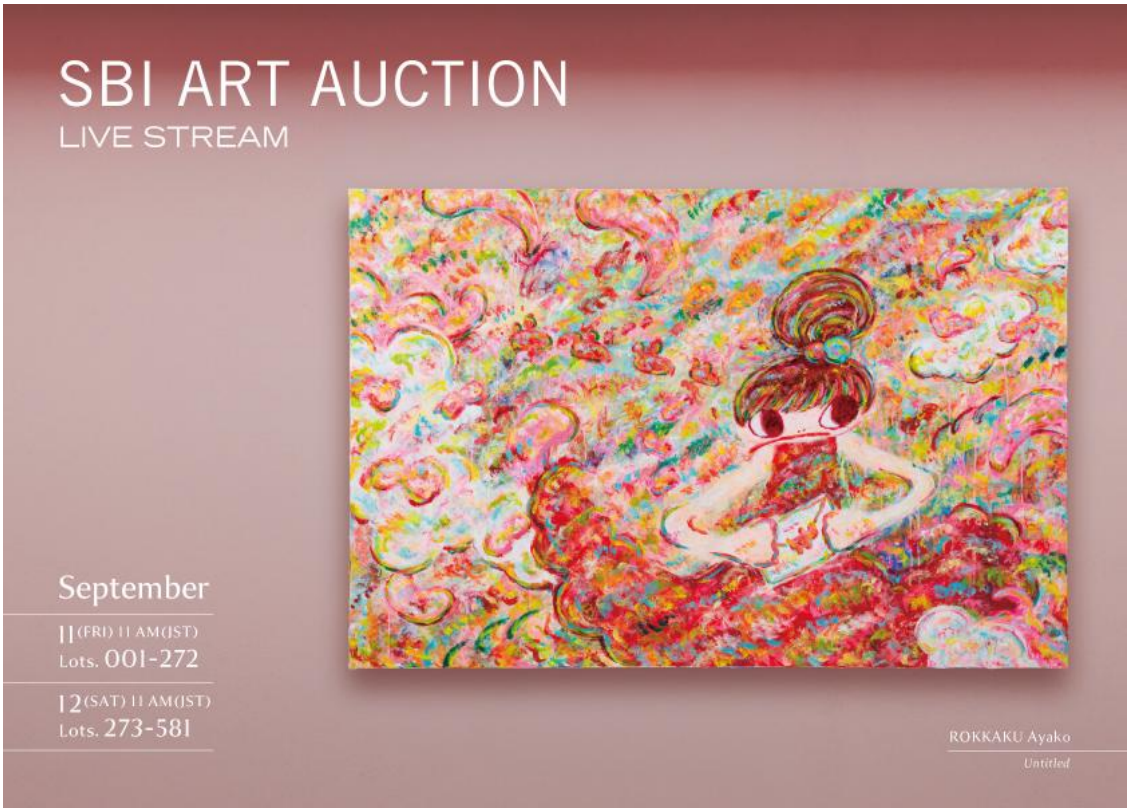
Works by KUSAMA and ROKKAKU Featured in September Sale
TILLMANS Works Realized Approximately 6.6 Times Their Lower Estimates



SBI Art Auction held “The 83rd SBI Art Auction | Live Stream Auction” at Hillside Forum on Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12, 2026.

The top lot of the sale was a canvas work by ROKKAKU Ayako, which realized JPY 17.25 million (including buyer’s premium; hereinafter the same). The auction also featured a wide range of photography, with several lots realizing prices well above their upper estimates. Among them, Wolfgang TILLMANS’s three-work set *1. citrus still life I／2. Tomatoes／3. pear, passionfruit & lychee* attracted particular attention and was sold for JPY 2.645million, approximately 6.6 times its lower estimate.

■ Auction Overview
“The 83rd SBI Art Auction | Live Stream Auction”
- Date: Friday, September 11 - Saturday, September 12, from 11:00 AM (JST)
- Total Number of Lots: 575
- Sell-through Rate: 86.4%
- Total Sales: JPY 170,223,000

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■ Auctioneer's Comment

One of the most notable aspects of this Live Stream Auction was the attention given not only to leading figures in Japanese contemporary art, such as ROKKAKU Ayako and KUSAMA Yayoi, but also to photography, which generated considerable interest and inquiries. In particular, works by Wolfgang TILLMANS drew competition from multiple bidders, producing one of the results that characterized this sale.

The top lot, ROKKAKU Ayako's *Untitled*, was a large-scale canvas measuring more than one meter on both sides. A large canvas by the artist also attracted active bidding in our main sale in July, and this time again, multiple telephone bidders from Japan and overseas competed for the work, which was sold for JPY 17.25 million. KUSAMA Yayoi's *Night on the Beach* also attracted absentee, telephone, and online bids, pushing the price beyond its upper estimate to JPY 7.475 million. Seeing competition across multiple bidding channels once again demonstrated the broad participation of bidders from Japan and overseas, even in the venue-free format of a Live Stream Auction.

Photography was another particular focus of this sale. Four lots comprising multiple works by Wolfgang TILLMANS were offered, with *1. citrus still life I / 2. Tomatoes / 3. pear, passionfruit & lychee* attracting considerable interest even before the auction. After absentee bids pushed the price beyond the upper estimate at an early stage, new telephone and online bidders joined the competition. The set was ultimately sold for JPY 2.645 million, approximately 6.6 times its lower estimate. The fact that multiple bidders remained in competition even after the price passed JPY 2 million also reflected the strong interest in the work.

Alongside the consistent demand we have seen for Japanese contemporary art, photography also received a strong response in this sale. It was particularly interesting to see bidding extend across different genres and price ranges, a result that will also be worth considering as we shape the composition of future sales.

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Multiple Works by ROKKAKU Ayako Featured, Drawing Strong Interest on Social Media

The top lot of the September auction was ROKKAKU Ayako's *Untitled*. Created in 2021, this large-scale canvas measures more than one meter on both sides and realized JPY 1.725 million against an estimate of JPY 13-23 million.

In addition to this work, the sale featured a work painted on cardboard, original illustrations from the artist's picture-book project *About Us*, and a collaborative work with the traditional Dutch ceramics manufacturer Royal Delft. An Instagram post showing these works on display attracted strong interest ahead of the auction.

Untitled, which presents a gentle image of the artist's signature girl motif appearing to hold a letter, came to auction with multiple telephone bidders connected. Bidding opened at JPY 12.5 million, slightly below the lower estimate, before developing into competition between telephone bidders in Japan and overseas. Toward the end, strong bid instructions from one telephone bidder held off the competition, and the work was sold for JPY 17.25 million.

KUSAMA Yayoi's *Night of the Beach* Saw Tense Competition Between Two Telephone Bidders

Several works by KUSAMA Yayoi were also offered in this aution. Among them, the 1980 work on shikishi board *Night on the Beach* saw particularly competitive biddinf and was sold for JPY 7.475 million against an estimate of JPY 4-7 million.

With provenance from Fuji Television Gallery, the work opened at JPY 3.8 million wirh multiple telephone bidders from Japan connected. Competition among absentee, telephone, and online bidders pushed the price to JPY 5 million. The bidding then came down to two telephone bidders, neither willling to give way. The telephone bidder who had bid stronglt from the outset ultimately prevailed, securing the work for JPY 7.475 million.

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Strong Interest in Photography by Wolfgang TILLMANS
Work Sold for Approximately 6.6 Times Its Lower Estimate

A wide range of photography was offered in the September auction, with works by Wolfgang TILLMANS attracting particularly strong interest. Four lots comprising multiple works by the artist were offered in the sale, with each achieving a strong result.

Among them, *1. citrus still life I／2. Tomatoes／3. pear, passionfruit & lychee*, a group of still-life photographers featuring fruit created in the early 2000s, saw particularly active bidding. Against an estimate of JPY 400,000-700,000, the set was sold for JPY 2.645 million, approximately 6.6 times its lower estimate.

The works had already generated numerous inquiries before the sale, and bidding opened at JPY 380,000 with multiple telephone bidders connected. Competition among several absentee bidders quickly pushed the price beyond the upper estimate to JPY 750,000. New telephone and online bidders then joined the competition, quickly taking the price past JPY 1 million. Strong bidding continued, and even after bid instructions of JPY 1.5 million were placed by a telephone bidder, multiple telephone and online bidders remained in competition. Bidding continued beyond JPY 2 million before a telephone bidder in Japan ultimately secured the works by JPY 2.645 million.

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“Composing Poetry from Art” with Poet SUGAWARA Bin: Experiencing Art Through Words

On September 3, SBI Art Auction welcomed poet SUGAWARA Bin to its gallery space for “Composing Poetry from Art.” This participatory event invited visitors to view works from the September auction from a perspective beyond price and art-historical interpretation, and to transform their impressions of the works into poetry in their own words.

Using works by DOMOTO Hisao, IDA Yukimasa, ROKKAKU Ayako, Nick WALKER and others as inspiration, participants engaged closely with the artworks and composed their own poems following a poetry reading a guidance from SUGAWARA. The event concluded with an optional poetry reading by participants, followed by comments from SUGAWARA. It offered a new way of experiencing art, as the same artworks inspired different memories, scenes and words for each participant.

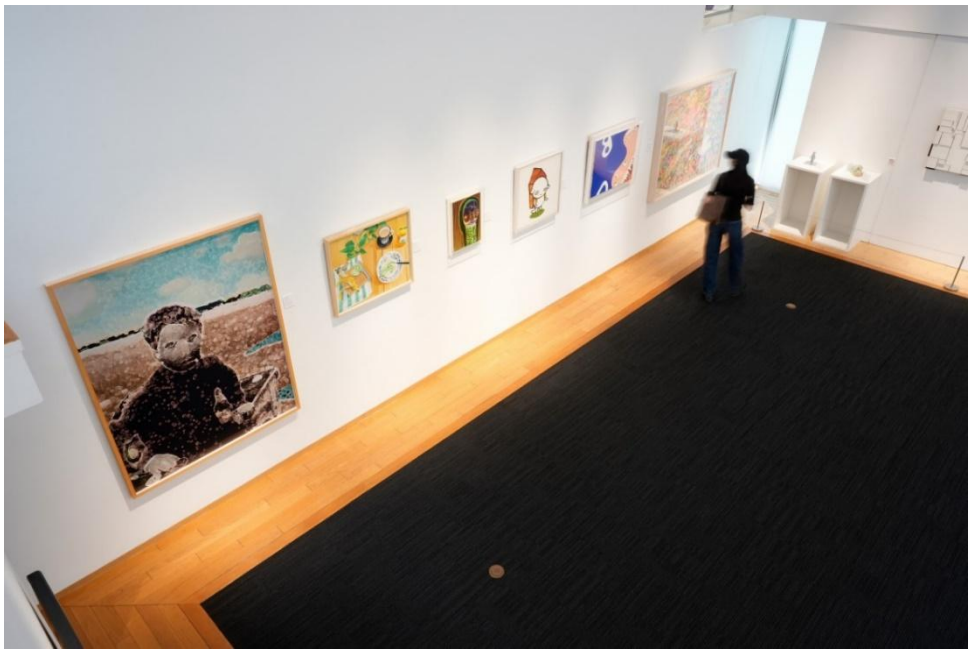
In a post-event survey, participants gave the event an average overall satisfaction score of 4.4 out of 5, while the statement “The event broadened my perspective on viewing art” received an average score of 4.6. Participants also commented that engaging more deeply with the artworks made them “feel more attracted to them” and “want to own them.” SBI Art Auction will continue to explore new ways of enjoying art, viewing auctions not only as places to buy and sell artworks, but also as opportunities to create new connections between people and art.



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- Dates: Saturday, October 24 – Sunday, October 25, 2026
- Deadline for the consignment: Closed
- Venue: HILLSIDE FORUM (〒150-0033 F-building 1st floor, 18-8, Sarugakucho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan)

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