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# Philips Auction Action

## Will This New Philips Be The Auctioneer Daddy Of Them All?



**T**anya Philips and husband **Chris Mayhew** are happily celebrating the arrival of **Spencer William**, younger brother to three-year-old **Claudia**. Born a healthy nine pounds and eight ounces on August 25 at the new **Mercy Maternity Hospital** in **Heidelberg**, **Spencer** is an energetic bundle of joy and the apple of his grandfather **Tony's** eye.

**I**n fact, looking at his sturdy limbs and chubby cheeks, **Tony Philips** cannot help but wonder if he might not have a fourth generation auctioneer in the making. At the same time, he has noticed his granddaughter showing a keen interest in jewellery and is keeping his fingers crossed that she might follow in the footsteps of her gemologist mother.

**W**hatever the outcome, the **Philips** family is delighted with its new addition and **Tony** is looking forward to many joyous hours watching his grandson grow to adulthood.

## ORIENTAL WARES POPULAR WITH DISCERNING BUYERS



**C**hinese scrolls dating from 14th century **Ming Dynasty** were a big hit with buyers at **Philips September 10** auction. With a lowly estimate of \$1200, one of the scrolls attributed to **When Zheng** and featuring handpainted polychrome flowers (pictured left) fetched a staggering \$21,349 - reducing the **Glenferrie Road** auction room to hushed silence before auction goes broke into spontaneous applause. A Chinese album (bottom right) by **Goa Qi Feng**

containing eight polychromatic depictions of flowers and birds (with a similar estimate) sold for \$13,848 bringing even more gasps from those present. A pair of early 20th century **French bronze ormolu candelabra** with four branches rising to a central fifth candle holder flanked by a single speltre figure reached the princely sum of \$6924 while a collection of 40 opium bottles (top right) were knocked down for between \$300 to \$500 each.

**N**ext month (October 22) will see a comprehensive collection of **Chinese porcelain, metal and stoneware** released onto the market by a **Queensland collector** and the **New South Wales enthusiast** responsible for this auction's oriental treasures will part with even more of his scrolls, albums and snuff bottles.

**F**rom a **Toorak estate** comes an 1878 **Bechstein grand piano** along with a comprehensive range of quality sterling silver. Another grand piano (this time a **Steinway**) will be offered from a **Kew estate**.



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