



373 SEEN b. 1961 *Batman*, 2006 Acrylic on canvas. 200 x 300 cm (78 3/4 x 118 1/8 in). Estimate £ 12,000–18,000 \$18,500–27,800 €14,300–21,400

PROVENANCE Acquired directly from the artist; Private Collection, Paris

Richard Mirando, known as SEEN, born 1961 in Bronx, New York, is one of the most famous American graffiti artists. SEEN first started to paint on New York's subway in 1973. For the next 16 years his work would spread across the city. Where others tagged on the subway and ran, Seen and his crew – United Artists – painted whole cars, which have since become iconic images of the time. His influence on graffiti is without precedent. Referred to as the 'Godfather of Graffiti', SEEN is recognized as a leader of the school of graffiti art and has become an icon of what was once considered an underground trend but now has become an international art movement. In 1981, SEEN's works were exhibited along with the works by Andy Warhol, Keith Haring and Basquiat in the New York / New Wave exhibition at P.S.1 in New York, an exhibition which marked a turning point for the street art genre.

Hammer price 49,250 \$ - plus tax (VAT) about 22 %.