

Press release **23.2 million for a Beckmann painting in Berlin**



Selbstbildnis gelb-rosa. 1943. Oil on canvas. 94.5 x 56 cm. Sold for 23.2 million Euros (including buyer's premium). © Urban Zintel

Max Beckmann's 1943 *Selbstbildnis gelb-rosa* achieved a record price at today's evening sale at Grisebach. A buyer from Switzerland prevailed against bids from five countries. This is the highest amount ever paid for a work of art sold at auction in Germany, and the second-highest obtained world-wide for a self-portrait by the artist.

Bernd Schultz: "It is entirely appropriate for this masterpiece of the 20th century to command an exceptional price! With this success, Grisebach has set a mark where the German art market is concerned and has put Berlin back on the map as the arena for world-class auction results. This consignment and its excellent outcome bear witness to the trust and confidence placed in our firm for its expertise and international profile."

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