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# £157,250 for rare George Daniels watch

– more than double its pre-sale estimate – to set a record for a Millennium watch sold at auction

The final sale of the Bonhams 2012 UK auction season was a resounding success, with several records broken on the way to a £1.7 million total. The Fine Watches and Wristwatches auction in New Bond Street, London, on Tuesday 18th December, recorded the most registered bidders for a Bonhams watch auction, and one of the highest numbers of live internet bidder registrations of any Bonhams sale.

Some 237 lots sold for a combined total of £1,747,100. Leading the way was a very fine and rare 18ct automatic calendar centre seconds wristwatch made by celebrated Isle of Man based watchmaker George Daniels, that was one of only seven made in white gold. Made in 2000, its sale for £157,250 at Bonhams on Tuesday set a new world auction record for a Millennium watch.

Dr Daniels (1926 – 2011) who lived in Ramsey, was one of few modern watchmakers who could conceive, design and hand-make a complete watch from a blank sheet of paper to finished, ticking timepiece. As well as inventing the co-axial escapement device that drives a timekeeping mechanism, he created less than 100 pocket watches and wristwatches, each of which would typically involve 2,500 hours of work. Bonhams sold his collection of motor cars and motorcycles in June for a combined total of £11 million.



George Daniels

Sharing the accolade of top-selling lot with the George Daniels watch was a very fine and rare 18ct gold manual wind perpetual calendar split-seconds chronograph Patek Philippe wristwatch with moon phases, which beat its top pre-sale estimate to also sell for £157,250.

Paul Maudsley, Director of the Bonhams watch department, said: "Our final sale of this year was once again a huge success, with strong prices achieved across a large number of lots and a sale total that exceeded expectations in a number of areas.

"After selling his incredible collection of motor cars and motorcycles at our Goodwood Festival of Speed Sale in June this year, we were delighted to set a new world auction record with the sale of the George Daniels Millennium wristwatch. Unsurprisingly, this piece generated much interest among both watch and motor car collectors, and it was eventually sold to a collector who also owns a number of motor vehicles."

