

SOTHEBYS  
Form 8-K  
May 13, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**May 13, 2009**

(Date of report)

**May 7, 2009**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**Sotheby's**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-9750**

(Commission  
File Number)

**38-2478409**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1334 York Avenue**

**New York, NY**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**10021**

(Zip Code)

**(212) 606-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On May 8, 2009, Sotheby's, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") issued a press release discussing its results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2009. This press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Sotheby's earnings press release for the three months ended March 31, 2009.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOTHEBY'S

By: /s/ Kevin M. Delaney

Kevin M. Delaney  
Senior Vice President,  
Controller and Chief  
Accounting Officer

Date: May 13, 2009

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**Exhibit Index**

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
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| 99.1               | Sotheby's earnings press release for the three months ended March 31, 2009. |

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