

CHRISTIE'S

RESULTS PRESS RELEASE | LONDON | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Snowdon

A LIFE IN ART
AND OBJECTS

3 WORLD RECORDS
151% OF THE PRE-SALE LOW ESTIMATE
85% SOLD BY LOT
TOTAL £354,375 INCLUDING PREMIUM



Lot 92
A pair of red-painted Prince of Wales investiture chairs,
designed by Lord Snowdon in 1969
Price Realised £43,750

London - Christie's announces the results of the online auction **Snowdon: A Life in Art and Objects**, a striking private collection sale of 143 lots representing English and European furniture, porcelain, silver, books, Old Master Drawings, Chinese works of art, modern British art, Australian and Canadian paintings, and photography. The collection included works relating to Lord Snowdon's creative practice during his lifetime, notably two Prince of Wales investiture chairs designed by Lord Snowdon and his portrait of David Hockney.

The sale received competitive bidding from over twenty countries globally, a lasting legacy to Lord Snowdon's acclaim both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The lots relating to his uncle, Oliver Messel, the celebrated English theatre and stage designer, performed beyond expectations setting a world record for Messel. A beautiful Cecil Beaton album compiled by Beaton, his sister Barbara Beaton and others for Oggie Lynn, also performing well above its pre-sale estimate.

Benedict Winter, Head of Sale comments, *'The successful sale is a testimony to the memory and esteem to which Lord Snowdon is held and the intrigue of this highly personal and well-regarded collection. Christie's Private and Iconic Collections department are delighted to have been able to bring this sale to market and it continues the long-standing commitment by Christie's London to offering prestigious Private Collections at auction.'*

WORLD RECORDS



Lot 51
Lord Snowdon (1930-2017)
David Hockney, 1963
Price realised £8,125, including premium



Lot 112
Oliver Hilary Sambourne Messel (1904-1978)
Portrait of Mrs William 'Babe' Paley
Price realised £23,750, including premium

Lot 51
Lord Snowdon (1930-2017)
David Hockney, 1963
Price realised £8,125, including premium

Lot 92
A Pair of Red-Painted Prince of Wales Investiture Chairs
Designed in 1969 by Lord Snowdon
Price realised, £43,750, including premium
(illustrated above on page 1)

Lot 112
Oliver Hilary Sambourne Messel (1904-1978)
Portrait of Mrs William 'Babe' Paley
Price realised £23,750, including premium

Further highlights:

Lot 4
William Bruce Ellis Ranken (1881-1941)
Portrait of Oliver Messel, aged seventeen
Price realised £16,250, including premium

Lot 13
Dorothy Eugenie Brett (1883-1977)
Portrait of a young man
Price realised £7,500, including premium

Lot 14
Barbara and Cecil Beaton Album for Oggie Lynn
Price realised £22,500, including premium

Lot 34
A George II Silver Basket
Mark of Peter Archambo, London
Price realised £7,500, including premium

PRESS CONTACTS:

Charlotte Brown | 07741 029753 | CharlotteBrown@christies.com

Notes to Editors:

About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had auction sales in 2019 that totalled £4.5 billion / \$5.8 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and international expertise. Christie's offers around 350 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War & Contemporary, Impressionist & Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery.

Alongside regular sales online, Christie's has a global presence in 46 countries, with 10 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

**Please note when quoting estimates above that other fees will apply in addition to the hammer price - see Section D of the Conditions of Sale at the back of the sale catalogue.*

**Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and are reported net of applicable fees.*

Images available on request

FOLLOW CHRISTIE'S ON:

