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FILL YOUR HOME WITH MODERN MASTERPIECES AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON

Impressionist & Modern Art, Thursday 7th April, 2pm

South Kensington: The highly fashionable world of 19th and 20th century art collecting has just become a little bit more accessible with the enticing springtime sale at Christie's South Kensington of *Impressionist & Modern Art* on Thursday 7th April 2005. Packed full of good value modern masterpieces from a host of famous names, this auction will give first time buyers the perfect chance to begin their collections. South Kensington now caters for the busy London lifestyle, offering weekend viewings, and a wealth of expertise on site, so there can be no excuses for not fulfilling a dream that's now affordable.

The *Impressionist & Modern Art* sale offers collectors a chance to own a little piece of Pablo Picasso from as little as £300, with estimates rising to £30,000. The sale includes a fabulous collection of vibrant ceramics by Picasso, ranging from tiles and plates to jugs and vases, which are sure to generate plenty of dinner-party table talk.

These exquisite pieces offer an insight into the mind of one of the last century's creative geniuses, who once said: "*I paint the way others write their autobiography*".

A further highlight of the sale is *Jeune Fils* (estimate: £5,000 – 7,000) by Camille Pissarro (1830-1903), who was one of the leaders of the cutting-edge Impressionist movement in 19th century France. The Impressionists concentrated much more on what they perceived rather than saw and their resulting works provide much loved splashes of colour, which brighten up modern homes today. *Jeune Fils* is particularly interesting as it's believed to be of Pissarro's son, Ludovic. Finally, the modern section of the sale includes a typical studio interior by the Spanish artist Carlos Nadal (1917-1998), *Chez Margot* (estimate: £12,000 – 18,000). This picture pays homage to Matisse and Picasso, both who greatly influenced Nadal's work.

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Notes to Editors:

In 2005 Christie's South Kensington will have the following opening hours:

Monday 9am – 7.30pm

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm

And will be open for Weekend Shopping on:

Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm

The weekend openings will be throughout the year except for bank holidays.

Christie's South Kensington is the first international auction house in London to offer regular weekend auctions.

Viewing Times (Impressionist & Modern):

Saturday 2nd April 10am – 4pm

Sunday 3rd April 10am – 4pm

Monday 4th April 9am – 7.30pm

Tuesday 5th April 9am – 5pm

Wednesday 6th April 9am – 5pm

Christie's South Kensington is now open seven days a week with regular new sales on Sundays. The UK's busiest auction house, Christie's South Kensington offers more sales in more categories than any other auction house. With prices ranging from £200 to over £20,000, the average price at Christie's South Kensington is £1,000. Established in 1975 on the Old Brompton Road, Christie's South Kensington offers over 50,000 objects a year including works of art, furniture, paintings, prints and drawings, glass, ceramics, lighting, modern design, and silver. There is something for everyone and all you need to decorate your home or start a collection.

Christie's South Kensington is also famed for its popular collectible sales including Toys, Teddy Bears, Cameras, and Costumes, Posters, Film, Football and Pop Memorabilia to name just a few! If you are looking for a little luxury from as little as £200, regular sales of Vintage Jewellery, Fashion and Fine Wines also regularly appear on the auction calendar. For those contemplating selling, Christie's expertise is also available 7 days a week, free of charge, at the Valuation Counter to advise you on the current market value for your works of art.