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## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS GALORE AT CHRISTIE'S



### Christmas Present for All Budgets at Christie's South Kensington December 2004

**South Kensington** – From a sparkling diamond ring to a cuddly teddy bear, Christie's South Kensington December sales offer an enormous variety of Christmas presents for all budgets, with estimates ranging from £100 to £35,000. Whether searching for a memorable Christmas present for a boyfriend, grandmother or little sister, visitors to Christie's will find something for everyone amongst the huge variety of sales and objects offered in December.



#### **Wives and Girlfriends**

The perfect sale for a beautiful and memorable Christmas present, *Fine Jewellery* on 8 December will offer a sparkling selection of diamond jewellery for all budgets and tastes. For prospective Christmas and New Year's Eve engagements, diamond ring highlights include a brilliant-cut diamond ring (estimate: £8,000-10,000) and a sapphire and diamond ring, *circa* 1935 (estimate: £5,500-6,500). A gorgeous selection of bracelets will also be offered including a princess-cut diamond line bracelet by Boodle & Dunthorne (estimate: £8,000-10,000) and an Art Deco diamond bracelet, *circa* 1930 (estimate: £4,000-5,000).

A sensuous stoneware vase by Lucie Rie (estimate: £7,000-£8,000) offered in the *Arts and Crafts* on 1 December is the ideal Christmas present for wives and girlfriends who appreciate unusual design. A claret jug by highly acclaimed designer Charles Dresser, who is celebrated in the current V&A exhibition (estimate: £3,000-£4,000), will also be offered together with a fine collection of Minton wares designed by Pugin including a rare pair of decorative jardinières (estimate: £5,000-£7,000).

#### **Husbands and Boyfriends**

The final South Kensington sale for 2004 and a terrific shopping opportunity for last minute Christmas presents for grown up boys, *Trains Galore and Marklin* on 20 December will offer lots starting from as little as £200. A range of Hornby and Bassett-Lowke items and a huge collection of modern Maerklin HO trains will be offered including a very rare black 1935 'Cock o'the North'

Locomotive, a model of the famous British LNER locomotive designed for use on steep grades in Scotland by Sir Nigel Gresley, probably the greatest 20th century locomotive designer (estimate: £10,000-15,000).

Other gift ideas include a selection of cufflinks (estimates from £500 to £2,500) offered in the *Fine Jewellery* sale on 8 December and an array of pocket watches and wristwatches in the *Watches* sale on 15 December including a rare stainless steel Rolex Milgauss watch (estimate: £20,000-30,000). For avid collectors or simply to enjoy on Christmas Day, the *Fine Wines and Vintage Port* sale on 13 December includes a delicious selection with estimates ranging from £50 to £500.



### Children, Teenagers and the Young at Heart

From Ali G to James Bond, the *Film and Entertainment* sale on 14 December has something for everyone from the young to the young at heart. For a unique present, the Moon Buggy from the James Bond film "Diamonds are Forever" (estimate: £25,000-35,000) will ensure a truly memorable

Christmas. There is also a hooded top and matching tracksuit bottoms of gold vinyl worn by Ali G to promote his film *Ali G Indahouse*, 2002 made by Ali G's costume designer Jason Alper and accompanied by a custom-made 'gold' metal 'knuckle-duster' "INDAHOUSE" ring (estimate: £1,000-1,500).



Over 400 cuddly teddy bears for all budgets will be offered in the popular *Teddy Bears* sale on 1 December. A much-loved present for people of all ages, highlights include a fine cinnamon Steiff teddy bear, circa 1908 (estimate: £6,000-8,000); a rare musical Cramer teddy bear with rocking head mechanism (estimate: £1,000-1,500) and a Sussenguth Peter Bear in its original box (estimate: £2,000-£3,000).

### Grandparents

Decorative and colourful examples offered in the *Moorcroft* sale on 2 December will be coveted Christmas presents for grandparents. Several single owner collections are brought together for this sale, with striking examples of early Moorcroft patterns such as a moonlit blue charger (estimate: £800-1,200) and large pomegranate vase (estimate: £2,500-3,500).

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*Images available on request*

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Notes to Editors:

Christie's South Kensington December 2004 Calendar of Sales:

Wednesday, 1 December	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday, 1 December	Teddy Bears
Wednesday, 1 December	British and Continental Watercolours including Original Illustrations
Wednesday, 1 December	Selected Silver and Plate
Thursday, 2 December	Twentieth Century British Art
Thursday, 2 December	19 <sup>th</sup> Century European Art
Thursday, 2 December	Moorcroft
Friday, 3 December	Jewellery, Unredeemed Pawn Brokers' Pledges
Tuesday, 7 December	Portrait Miniatures, Objects of Vertu, Icons and Russian Silver
Tuesday, 7 December	The Contents of the Workshops of Mr Christopher Cook
Wednesday, 8 December	Furniture and Decorative Objects
Wednesday, 8 December	Fine Jewellery
Thursday, 9 December	Asian Decorative Arts
Friday, 10 December	Old Master Pictures and Drawings
Monday, 13 December	Fine Wines and Vintage Port
Tuesday, 14 December	Film and Entertainment
Wednesday, 15 December	British and Continental Ceramics
Wednesday, 15 December	Furniture and Decorative Objects
Wednesday, 15 December	Watches
Thursday, 16 December	Clocks and Barometers
Monday, 20 December	Trains Galore and Märklin