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YOUR ENTIRE WINTER WARDROBE IS WAITING FOR YOU AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON



Schiaparelli Shocking Pink
coat, c. 1960
Estimate: £200-400



Hermes Birkin
Zebra-print calfskin
Estimate £5,000-7,000



Pucci Minidress, early 1970s
Estimate: £250-450



Pierre Cardin
Black & Metal
Minidress, 1960s
Estimate: £500-700

20th Century Fashion

Christie's South Kensington

Wednesday, 21 November 2007

ON VIEW: From Friday 16 November

Christie's South Kensington's Autumn sale of 20th Century Fashion is a fusion of all the looks, trends and fashions that dressed the last century. The sale will take shoppers on a journey from the flapper dresses and sleek bias cuts of the 1920s and 30s, to the golden age of couture in the 1940s and 50s. From the swinging sixties, through the romantic maxi-dresses of the 1970s and the power cuts of the 1980s, the sale is a paradise for next season's trend-setters. Estimates start from around £100, and with plenty of opportunity for weekend browsing, the sale presents a fabulous opportunity to create a really unique style.

DESIGNER HANDBAGS

This sale provides an excellent chance to bypass the waiting lists for an Hermès *Birkin* or *Kelly* when many of these coveted bags go under the hammer. Examples include beautiful black crocodile Kelly bags (estimates from £3,000 - 7,000), a fabulous Raspberry-Red Birkin (estimate: £6,000 - 7,000) and a stunning *Birkin* with zebra-print calfskin (estimate: £5,000-7,000) which is one of only a very small number produced. In addition, for members of the jet-set, there is an extensive selection of luggage and Hermès *Haut A Courrois* bags (estimates from £2,000 - £4,000).



Hermes Haut A Courrois
Estimate: £2,000-4,000

THE PARTY SEASON

With the party-season fast approaching, this sale allows buyers the ideal opportunity to stand out from the crowd at glamorous holiday parties. With a tantalising selection of rare early couture by Dior, Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent and Balenciaga, and estimates ranging from £100 to £1,000 there really is no excuse to simply blend in with the crowd. Lots include a 1950s black velvet and white satin ballgown by Christian Dior (estimate: £500-700) and a Victor Edelstein bronze taffeta and velvet evening gown from the 1980s (estimate: £200-300). Also featured in the sale are two stunning sets of Dior jewels (estimate: £250-350 each) from the 1950s.



Christian Dior
1950s ballgown
Estimate: £500-700

OFFICE AND DAY WEAR



Grey Christian Dior
Suit, 1958
Estimate: £250-350

The sale features wonderful suits and daywear from a host of different designers (estimates from £100), providing the perfect opportunity to acquire token pieces to glam-up office-wear, or an entire outfit for a special occasion. Examples include a white and navy blue Courrèges day dress from the 1960s (estimate: £300-500), minidresses by Pucci (estimate: £250-450), a lemon yellow Givenchy dress, *circa* 1965 (estimate: £300-500), reminiscent of the style favoured by Audrey Hepburn and a rare 1952 Dior summer suit (estimate: £3,000-5,000).

COATS

As winter draws close, buyers can add further vintage glamour to their winter wardrobes and take their pick of a fabulous selection of hats and coats included in the sale. Highlights include an exquisite Gucci caramel suede coat (estimate: £800-1,200), a hot pink Christian Dior Couture swing coat, 1960 (estimate: £400-600), and a 1950s yellow silk Nina Ricci evening coat (estimate: £300-500). A private collection of 80 hats dating from the 1930s to 1960s is also on offer, including a number of very on-trend turbans, with estimates starting at just £80.



Yellow Silk Nina Ricci
Evening Coat, 1950s
Estimate: £300-500

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Notes to Editors:

20th-Century Week 2007

This sale is part of Christie's 20th Century Week at South Kensington; a week celebrating the designs, culture, fashion and icons of the last century. The other sales during the week are Photographs, Prints, Modern Design and Vintage Film Posters. Please see separate release for details

The view is free and open to the general public from Friday 16 November at 9am:

For opening times please see below.

The view will close at 5pm on Tuesday 20 November.

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