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THE PERFECT PROPOSAL AT CHRISTIE'S

Christie's South Kensington Jewellery Sales in 2005

South Kensington – For Valentine Day engagements, the Christie's *Fine Jewellery and Rings* sale on Sunday 20 March 2005 is the ideal occasion to find the perfect ring. Conveniently held for the first time on a Sunday, the auction provides the perfect opportunity for newly engaged couples to come in during the weekend viewing, try the rings on and get professional advice from Christie's jewellery specialist before bidding and hopefully leaving with a beautiful ring.

Offering an affordable and wide range of rings to suit all pockets and tastes, from a 19th century cushion-cut diamond ring (estimate: £4,000-5,000) to an unusual Art Deco black opal ring (estimate: £1,500-2,000) and a late Victorian demantoid garnet and diamond half-hoop ring (estimate: £4,000-5,000), the sale features over 100 rings from as little as £300 up to £8,000.

The sale also features a wonderful selection necklaces, bracelets, earrings and brooches for those other special occasions including a Belle Epoque aquamarine diamond pendant/brooch (estimate: £4,000-6,000); a pair of elegant black opal and diamond earrings (estimate: £2,000-3,000) and a Cartier diamond clip in the Egyptian style, *circa* 1925 (estimate: £3,000-4,000).

Throughout 2005, monthly jewellery sales will held at Christie's South Kensington with specific sales dedicated to antique, fine and modern & vintage Jewellery. With prices ranging from as little as £250 up to £15,000, the sales are the ideal opportunity to buy stylish and often unique pieces at very affordable levels. For those who might be unsure about how to buy at auction, the South Kensington jewellery specialists are available in the viewing room throughout the viewing period to provide hands-on assistance and professional advice on buying and caring for jewellery.

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Images available on request

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Notes to Editors:**1. Opening Hours**

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

- Monday 9am – 7.30pm
- Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm

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

2. Sunday Auction Series

- The *Jewellery and Rings* sale on 20 March 2005 forms part of the series of Sunday auctions.
- Christie's South Kensington is the first international auction house in London to offer regular weekend auctions.

Christie's South Kensington Jewellery 2005 Calendar:

- 25 January - Jewellery
- 23 February - Jewellery
- 20 March - Fine Jewellery and Rings
- 26 April - Jewellery
- 17 May - Antique Jewellery
- 7 June - Fine Jewellery
- 12 July - Jewellery
- 13 September - Jewellery and Rings
- 16 October - Jewellery
- 8 November - Antique Jewellery
- 6 December - Fine Jewellery