

# CHRISTIE'S

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## AYNHOE PARK

### *A Modern Grand Tour*

CHRISTIE'S TO OFFER WORKS FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF JAMES PERKINS AND ANDREW LAMBERTY

- The public viewing will be in situ at Aynhoe Park, Oxfordshire: 5-8 October 2012
- The auction will be held at Christie's South Kensington saleroom: 9 October 2012
- Over 450 lots are expected to fetch in excess of £1 million



Aynhoe Park, Oxfordshire



**Oxfordshire / South Kensington, London** – Christie's is pleased to announce the forthcoming auction of works from the collections of James Perkins and Andrew Lamberty. The sale, *AYNHOE PARK - A Modern Grand Tour*, will feature a cornucopia of fascinating works of art and curiosities. The sale comprises important 20<sup>th</sup> century and contemporary design including works by Tony Duquette, Kam Tin and Fornasetti as well as photographs by Bob Carlos Clarke, juxtaposed with monumental classical plaster casts, period furniture, and even a steel rocketship as featured in *Dan Dare*. All items to be offered will be on public view within the dramatic surroundings at Aynhoe Park, Oxfordshire from Friday, 5 October until the afternoon of Monday, 8 October; the auction will take place at Christie's South Kensington saleroom on Tuesday, 9 October 2012 at 10.30am.

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The complete eCatalogue will be available online from September 2012 at [www.christies.com/calendar](http://www.christies.com/calendar)



**Adrian Hume-Sayer, Specialist and Head of Sale, Christie's commented:** "We are delighted to be working with both James and Andrew to stage this unique and exciting sale. It is impossible not to be charmed by Aynhoe Park's setting and architectural character, particularly as James' remarkable collection so perfectly inhabits Sir John Soane's dramatic interiors. A pair of colossal Greek centaurs from the collection of the Metropolitan Museum, New York greet visitors in the pillared hall, setting the tone for what is to be found beyond. When Soane remodelled the house in 1800-01, he could scarcely have envisaged that the spaces he created would one day host such a dynamic yet fitting collection."

**James Perkins, Collector and Owner of Aynhoe Park commented:** "I began collecting as a teenager, and have since been acquiring objects and works of art from sales around the world, rarely able to return home without an interesting addition to my collection. I will happily admit to being a compulsive collector,

over the years my collection has grown and evolved and it is now time to allow new pieces to take centre stage at Aynhoe Park. Through Christie's, I look forward to sharing my passion with other international collectors, as well as welcoming many to enjoy my collection in its setting here at Aynhoe Park."

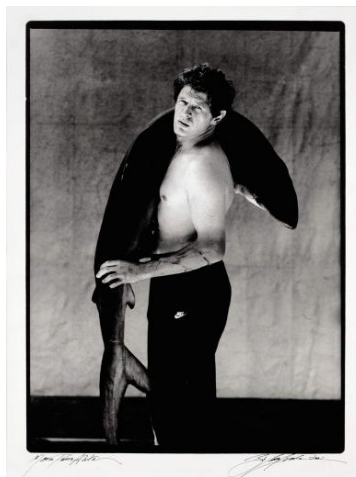


**Andrew Lamberty, Collector and Dealer in Modern Design commented:** "James and I are great friends, we share a love of beautiful and luxurious objects, and together we have watched our collections grow. The dramatic backdrop provided by James' home, Aynhoe Park is the perfect stage to present our combined collections for sale, and as market leader we believe Christie's is the perfect partner and location for the auction."

## Highlights



A gilt bronze and rock crystal chandelier by Robert Goossens, circa 1970  
 Estimate: £25,000 – 40,000  
 The original design reputedly commissioned by Chanel, Paris; a chandelier of this design presently hangs in Chanel's Beverly Hills boutique.



Bob Carlos Clarke (1950-2006)  
 Marco Pierre White with Shark, 2001  
 Estimate: £2,000-3,000  
 One from a collection of approximately 15 photographs by Bob Carlos Clarke to be included in the sale



A monumental plaster model of a Centaur 19<sup>th</sup> century, after the antique from the west pediment of the Temple Of Zeus, Olympia  
 Previously within the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  
 Estimate: £8,000-12,000

**Public Viewing:**

Aynhoe Park, Aynho, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 3BQ

Entry by catalogue only; admits two.

Friday, 5 October: 10am -7pm

Saturday, 6 October: 10am-5pm

Sunday, 7 October: 10am-5pm

Monday, 8 October: 10am – 2pm

**Auction:**

Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London, SW7 3LD

AYNHOE PARK –A Modern Grand Tour

Tuesday, 9 October 2012 at 10.30am

**About Aynhoe Park**

Just one hour from London, sitting in the beautiful Cotswold countryside, Aynhoe Park is a luxurious British country house which is home to the collector and designer James Perkins. James' vision and flair have seen the house brilliantly restored and his passion for collecting has created a dramatic *mise en scène* which imbues the house with a unique atmosphere where classical sculpture sits coherently alongside contemporary art and taxidermy. With twelve sumptuous bedrooms which have played host to Royalty, world leaders and the biggest names in Rock & Roll and fashion, Aynhoe Park is a special retreat with outstanding levels of comfort. For further information or to book Aynhoe and its beautiful grounds as a venue please visit [www.aynhoe.org.uk](http://www.aynhoe.org.uk)

**About Lamberty**

Lamberty was started by Andrew in 1997, selling the very best in contemporary and 20th century design. The gallery-style shop is located in Belgravia, five minutes from Sloane Square, and boasts clientele from Rock Stars to Royalty. For further information please visit [www.lamberty.co.uk](http://www.lamberty.co.uk)

**Christie's South Kensington**

Open seven days a week, Christie's South Kensington is one of the busiest salerooms in the UK attracting over 200,000 visitors each year. With over 100 sales and offering more than 20,000 lots annually, estimates start from £300. Interiors sales dedicated to home furnishings are held three times a month alongside regular Sunday sales of single-owner collections. Specialised sales for the avid collector are scheduled throughout the year according to category, and include Film Posters, Pop Memorabilia, Antiquities, Jewellery, 20th Century British Art and Chinese Works of Art, among others. In 2011 Christie's South Kensington realised the highest ever total for the second successive year with sales of £115.9 million / \$186.6 million.

**About Christie's**

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in 2011 that totaled £3.6 billion/\$5.7 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 450 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 and Contemporary, Impressionist and Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery. Private sales totaled £502 million / \$808.6m in 2011, an increase of 44% on the previous year.

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