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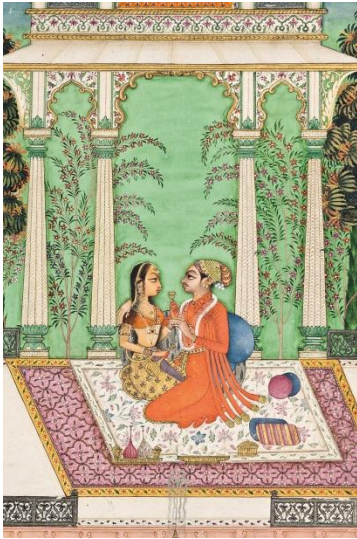
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## INDIA ON PAPER

AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON  
ONLINE ONLY SALE OF PRIVATE COLLECTION  
OF INDIAN PAINTINGS



**Online Only** – Christie's is pleased to announce *India on Paper – A Private Collection of Paintings 1600s-1800s* an online-only sale which will run from Thursday, 29 May – Thursday, 12 June 2014. Gathered by a European connoisseur over the span of three decades, the collection comprises 50 lots from six major Indian School of paintings, ranging in geography from the Himalayan foothills to Karnataka and dated between the 1600s and the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The sale features paintings from the Mughal and Provincial Mughal Schools as well as Pahari works from Bilaspur and Kangra, and examples from other schools of painting such as Mysore in South India or Aurangabad in the Deccan. Estimates range from £700 to £20,000.



Highlights include a very large Pahari illustration from a dispersed *Harivamsa* series, painted in Kangra by an artist of the generation after Purkhu, circa 1830 – 1840 (estimate: £20,000 – 30,000, *detail illustrated page 1left*). This painting describes the moment when Krishna and Indra go to battle for their wives, who both covet the Parijata tree. Krishna and Indra, realizing they cannot beat each other and are therefore equally matched, decide to keep the Parijata tree at Dwaraka. The *Harivamsa* (*An Account of the Dynasty of Hari [Vishnu]*) is a work of three chapters appended to the great epic, the *Mahabharata*.

The sale also includes two very fine paintings from Bikaner: *A Couple on a Terrace*, probably an illustration to a *Bharamasa* or *Ragamala* series (*Desakar Raga*), dated to 1710 AD (estimate: £8,000-12,000, *detail illustrated left*) and an important Equestrian Portrait of Raja Sujan Singh (r. 1700-1736) by Ustad Qasim, circa 1720 (estimate: £8,000-12,000, *illustrated page 1 right*).

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**REGISTRATION FOR BIDDING & FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**Auction:**

*India on Paper*

**Bidding opens:** 29 May 2014, 3:00pm GMT/10:00am EST

**Bidding starts to close:** 12 June 2014, 3:00pm GMT/10:00am EST

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