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CHRISTIE'S ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET FOR YESTERDAY'S FILM STARS

Vintage Film Posters

Wednesday 9 March 2005 at 1pm

South Kensington – Christie's will roll out the red carpet in a feast of nostalgia for the first of its celebrated *Vintage Film Posters* sales on Wednesday 9 March 2005. The line up is star-studded, with appearances by Audrey Hepburn, Sir Lawrence Olivier, Ingrid Bergman, Julie Andrews, Sean Connery, Michael Caine, Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Charlie Chaplin, the entire Carry On crew and King Kong. With posters dating from the 1900s through to the early 1980s and estimates starting at £200 there is something for every collection. Featuring over 270 lots, the sale is expected to realise in excess of £200,000.

One of the leading lots is a rare French poster from the classic film *Casablanca*, 1942 (estimate: £15,000 – 20,000). Competition for this type of poster is fierce, and a similar *Casablanca* poster, sold by Christie's in March 2000, sold for £54,300. Also notable is an American poster for *Flying Down to Rio*, 1933 (estimate: £8,000-12,000). Not only did the film feature the debut performance of Ginger Rogers & Fred Astaire (thus launching their careers), it also astonished crowds at the time, with its famous dance scenes on the wings of flying aeroplanes.

Other, more gruesome highlights are two rare French posters for *King Kong*, 1933 (estimate: £3,000 – 5,000 each), plus the usual dose of darkness from the king of thrillers himself, Alfred Hitchcock, with posters from *Vertigo*, 1958 (estimate: £1,800 – 2,200), *Rear Window*, 1954 (estimate: £2,000 – 3,000) and *Psycho*, 1960 (estimate: £350 - 550)

Fun is provided by a host of British Carry On posters which span from the early years of Carry on Sergeant in 1958 via much loved classics such as Carry On Cleo, Carry On Screaming, Carry on Cowboy and Carry On Camping through to the final film; Carry on Columbus in 1992. With an estimate of £700 - £900, this complete "Carry On" collection is a must for any discerning "Carry On" fan.

Christie's Vintage Poster sales are rapidly becoming more and more popular, with a notable increase in first time buyers attending each sale. This auction covers all genres from the classic Hollywood movies of the 1930s – 50s, Musicals, Film-Noir and Westerns to Comedy, Science-Fiction, Horror and key cult films from the 1970s and 80s.

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Images available on request

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Notes to Editors:

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

Monday 9am – 7.30pm

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm

And will be open for Weekend Shopping on:

Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm

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

Christie's South Kensington is the first international auction house in London to offer regular weekend auctions.

Viewing Times:

Saturday 5th March 10am – 4pm

Sunday 6th March 10am – 4pm

Monday 7th March 9am – 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th March 9am – 5pm

Wednesday 9th March 9am – 12pm