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BANKING ON FURNITURE AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON

Affordable & Practical Furniture with Exceptional Provenance

Offered at Christie's South Kensington in March

'At Home': Carpets, Furniture and Decorative Objects

Tuesday, 15 March 2005 at 10.30am

South Kensington: On 15 March 2005, Christie's South Kensington is pleased to offer the second and final selection of antique furniture that furnished the Bank of England over the 20th century, following on from the successful sale of The Bank of England furniture in July 2004.

With over 60 lots of affordable furniture to be offered, the sale provides a wonderful opportunity for collectors and decorators looking for a practical piece with exceptional provenance to furnish an office or invest in the look of their home. With prices ranging from £100 to £6,000, the sale will include carpets, clocks, chairs, desks and tables dating from the 19th and 20th centuries. The furniture has been removed from the offices of the Bank of England at Threadneedle Street and other City offices.

The furniture was acquired over a long period of time as the offices grew and develop. All the items are labelled with a Bank inventory number. The sale provides an opportunity to acquire affordable, stylish furniture. The auction takes place due to the rationalisation of space at the Bank of England, whose offices have recently been refurbished making has made this furniture surplus to requirements. Important pieces from the core collection at the Bank of England are being retained.

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Notes to Editors:

Viewing: Saturday, 12 March 10.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday, 13 March 10.00am - 4.00pm
Monday, 14 March 9.00am - 7.30pm

Sale: Tuesday, 15 March at 10.30am

Christie's South Kensington is now open seven days a week with regular new sales on Sundays. The UK's busiest auction house, Christie's South Kensington offers more sales in more categories than any other auction house. With prices ranging from £200 to over £20,000, the average price at Christie's South Kensington is £1,000. Established in 1975 on the Old Brompton Road, Christie's South Kensington offers over 50,000 objects a year including works of art, furniture, paintings, prints and drawings, glass, ceramics, lighting, modern design, and silver. There is something for everyone and all you need to decorate your home or start a collection.

Christie's South Kensington is also famed for its popular collectible sales including Toys, Teddy Bears, Cameras, and Costumes, Posters, Film, Football and Pop Memorabilia to name just a few! If you are looking for a little luxury from as little as £200, regular sales of Vintage Jewellery, Fashion and Fine Wines also regularly appear on the auction calendar. For those contemplating selling, Christie's expertise is also available 7 days a week, free of charge, at the Valuation Counter to advise you on the current market value for your works of art.