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## COLOURFUL CLARICE CLIFF KICKS OFF SUNDAY SALES AND DECORATIVE ARTS SERIES AT SOUTH KENSINGTON

### Decorative Art Sales 2005

#### Christie's South Kensington

**London** – An extensive selection of Clarice Cliff opens Christie's 2005 Decorative Arts sales in South Kensington. The bumper 300-lot sale on 20 February is a must for collectors of the designer's colourful ceramics. The Clarice Cliff sale is the very first to be held on a Sunday at Christie's South Kensington. Christie's is the worldwide market leader in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Decorative Arts, and the South Kensington series of sales will feature ceramics, glass, sculpture, lighting, furniture and metalworks from all the key art movements of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Whether seeking to decorate a home or simply interested in the decorative arts, shoppers in South Kensington will be able to browse, place bids, seek valuations and advice from specialists 10-4pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

### CLARICE CLIFF

#### Sunday 20 February 2005



The first ever Sunday Sale at Christie's South Kensington, the Clarice Cliff sale features an extensive single-owner collection of over 180 lots, including sugar sifters, preserve pots, novelty wares, vases, jugs, tea and coffee wares, candlesticks, chargers, bookends and table wares. A remarkable range of patterns on offer includes the sought-after *Applique* range including *Palermo*, *Lugano*, *Avignon* and *Idyll*, as well as abstract, landscape, flower, fruit and geometric designs. There are a staggering array of over 20 lotus jugs in varying patterns. A rare single-handed lotus jug is a highlight. Featuring the Blue Crocus decoration, the jug is expected to fetch £2,200-2,500. A beautiful huge charger, found in a car boot sale, is a further highlight. Estimated to realize £1,000-1,500, the 18-inch *Latona Dablia* charger was recently bought by a canny collector for £1 in the north of England.

Further highlights include a *Blue Firs* powder bowl and cover (estimate: £1,100-1,200), a *Honolulu Bonjour* candlestick holder (estimate: £1,500-£1,800) and an *Applique Lucerne* sandwich set (estimate: £1,500-2,000). Among the array of lots is also a selection of *Blue Chintz* wares including an 18-inch charger (estimate: £3,000-3,500) and an *Isis* jug (estimate: £1,100-1,200).

### British Decorative Arts

Monday 21 February and Wednesday 11 May 2005

The British Decorative Arts sales feature glass, ceramics and metalwork from 1860 to the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century from across the UK. A wide selection of Wedgwood wares designed by the architect Keith Murray is a highlight of the sale on 21 February, and includes a brown basalt vase (estimate: £1,000-1,500) and several pieces in black basalt. Several pieces in Wedgwood Fairyland lustre, designed by Daisy Makeig Jones, include a flame lustre bowl (estimate: £3,000-3,500). A wide selection of Doulton wares, including character jugs and figures, features a rare Toby Jug by George Robey (estimate £2,000-3,000). A large stoneware vase by Florence Barlow decorated with cartouches of birds (estimate: £1,500-2,000) and a Wemyss tankard decorated with two pigs (estimate: £600-900) are further highlights. In addition, there are works by Charlotte Rhead, Susie Cooper and a large collection of Minton Secessionist ware.

### **Art Deco and Art Nouveau**

**Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 April 2005**



Works from a private European collection, which have not been seen on the market for many years, will be the centre-piece of the Art Deco and Art Nouveau sales on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005. Featuring wonderful examples of cameo glass and sculpture, highlights will include a large gilt bronze bust, cast from a model by Maurice Bouval, (estimate: £10,000-15,000) and a large *verre parlant* cameo glass landscape vase (estimate: £7,000-9,000). These sales will provide collectors and decorators with the opportunity to acquire exclusive glass, ceramics, metalwork, sculpture, furniture and works on paper, with estimates ranging from £800 to £25,000.

### **Lalique Glass and 20th Century European Decorative Arts**

**Thursday 12 May 2005**

The morning Lalique session will offer a fine range of car mascots, paperweights, lighting, scent bottles, tableware and vases. The afternoon session will incorporate a selection of European Art Nouveau and Art Deco glass, ceramics, works on paper, metalwork and a large selection of sculpture, with prices starting at £300.

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### **Notes for 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.