

## 20th Century Fashion and Accessories

South Kensington – Tuesday, 4 March 2008 Sale no: 5420 – Top Three [All sold prices include buyer's premium]

 Sold:
 £ 223,225
 \$ 443,102
 € 291, 532

 Lots Sold:
 156
 Lots Offered: 221
 Sold by Lot: 71%
 Sold by £: 90%

 Exchange Rate£:=
 \$ 1.985 / € 1.306
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Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
474	Hermès, A Finest Green Crocodile Kelly Bag, 1997	12,000-15,000	£ 25,700 \$ 51,015 € 33,564	Anonymous
371	Hermès, A 'V' Bag in Oxblood Leather, 1960s	1,500-1,800	£ 10,625 \$ 21,091 € 13,876	European Private
475	Hermès, A Black Crocodile Kelly Bag, 1960s	6,000-8,000	£ 7,500 \$ 14,888 € 9,795	UK Private

Comment: Monica Turcich, Specialist in charge of the sale: Rare and luxurious items once again dominated the 20th Century Fashion sale, with a wide selection of Hermes bags leading the lots. In costume, extraordinary early finds like the 1940s Madame Gres more than quadrupled pre-sale estimates, and the 1950s Balmain Couture wardrobe illustrated strong demand for the elegance of the 1950s, with bidding sometimes reaching 6 times the pre-sale estimates. We look forward to our September sale of Fashion & Accessories, as well as the new-category Luxury Sale, combining Hermes accessories with fantastic jewels--a lady's delight--in December.

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**Next Sale Date:** The next 20<sup>th</sup> century fashion sale at South Kensington will be held on 16 September.