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DRESS TO IMPRESS AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON VINTAGE LUXURY – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

20th Century Fashion ~ Luggage ~ Fine Jewellery ~ Spectacles Christie's South Kensington

London – From a classic Louis Vuitton trunk and vintage Biba dress, to a funky pair of spectacles and a sparkling diamond ring, Christie's South Kensington 2005 auction calendar features a stylish selection of sales dedicated to affordable vintage fashion, accessories and jewellery, with estimates ranging from £50 to £4,000.

Whether travelling to the English countryside or abroad across the Continent, Christie's South Kensington sale of European Furniture, Works of Art, Tapestries and Carpets on **7 June 2005** will feature a stylish and beautiful selection of over **30 vintage trunks, suitcases, dressing cases and handbags**. Pieces from classic luggage designers such as Gucci and Louis Vuitton will transport visitors to back to a time of elegant travel, with estimates ranging from £200 to £4,000.



The popular annual **Costume and Textiles including 20th Century Fashion** sale on **29 September 2005** is a must for fashion devotees searching for vintage clothes and accessories in excellent condition at good value prices. Featuring pieces by established designers such as Versace, Vivienne Westwood, Christian Dior, Ossie Clark and Biba, as well as classic designers of the earlier 20th century such as Balenciaga, Chanel and Paul Poiret, estimates start from as little as £100. The sale will also offer a second chance to acquire high fashion from the wardrobe of the Parisian socialite, Mme Mona Ayoub. Over 30 Chanel outfits will be offered with estimates from £200 up to £1,000, including evening gowns, silky soft leather jackets and key note Chanel day wear, with matching accessories. Mme Ayoub's wardrobe also includes Jean Paul Gaultier, Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana and John Galliano.

A sparkling range of modern and vintage jewellery for all occasions and budgets is offered in Christie's South Kensington's **Fine Jewellery** sale on **8**



June 2005. From a gorgeous diamond ring which is perfect for those summertime engagements (estimate: £5,000-7,000), to a classic pair of diamond earstuds (estimate: £8,000-10,000), the sale is a good opportunity to buy a good value piece of jewellery for that special someone - or even for yourself.

Look no further than Christie's South Kensington on **7 April 2005** for either a funky or an elegant pair of glasses from a collection of **vintage spectacles** in the **Exceptional Scientific Sale**. An eclectic collection of just under 1,000 pieces of both ladies and gentlemen's eyewear will be offered, with estimates ranging from £200 to £3,000. From nose spectacles from 16th to 18th century, magnifiers, pince-nez, lorgnettes, Chinese spectacles and cases through to all manner of 18th and 19th century spectacles, Eskimo goggle, mid 20th century spectacles and many more, the collection features something for all optical and fashion occasions.

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Images available on request
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Notes to Editors:

Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road

Opening hours:

Monday - 9am to 7.30pm

Tuesday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

Open for Weekend Shopping on Saturday and Sunday - 10am to 4pm

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

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