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EXQUISITE DIAMOND JEWELRY AND CAPTIVATING COLORED GEMSTONES FROM THE PRIVATE COLLECTION OF MRS. MARGARET ADDERLEY KELLY

The Magnificent Jewels of Margaret Adderley Kelly June 7

New York, NY – Christie’s is pleased to announce the sale of the magnificent private jewelry collection of Mrs. Margaret Adderley Kelly, on June 7 at Christie’s Rockefeller Center. The Kelly name is legendary and is internationally recognized as “the company” for providing temporary employees. Mrs. Kelly was a philanthropist and a fashionable woman who loved to travel, enjoyed the performing and culinary arts and avidly collected jewelry and fine porcelain. Her passion and discerning eye for exquisite jewelry and rare and unusual gemstones is seen throughout her collection.

Kelly Services, Inc.

Started in 1946 by her husband, the late William R. Kelly, the small Detroit business called Kelly Services, Inc. quickly grew into a temporary staffing empire. Their employees, coined “The Kelly Girls,” were in high demand. By 1957, the iconic “Kelly Girl” became a household name and was synonymous with high-quality temporary employees. Kelly Services, Inc. earned its place as a Fortune 500 company that now employs over 700,000 people with 2,600 offices in 27 countries—a testament to Kelly’s pioneering spirit and vision.

Magnificent Jewels

The exceptional breadth of the collection offers an array of colored diamonds, diamond jewelry and gemstones that speaks to her appreciation and connoisseurship for the rare and beautiful. An exquisite group of diamond cluster jewelry by the prominent London jeweler, David Morris, includes a magnificent necklace (estimate: \$800,000-1,000,000), a bracelet (estimate: \$350,000-

400,000), a brooch (estimate: \$350,000-400,000) and a pair of ear clips (estimate: \$60,000-80,000). Also by David Morris is a pair of elegant diamond ear clips with two large and well-matched pear-shaped diamonds of 13.47 and 13.34 carats (estimate: \$250,000-350,000).

Mrs. Kelly greatly admired rare colored diamonds and was fascinated by two particularly appealing hues exemplified in a striking marquise-cut fancy blue diamond ring of 6.21 carats enhanced by two purplish-pink diamonds (estimate: \$400,000-600,000). Also stunning and unusual is a modified rectangular-cut fancy intense orangy-pink diamond ring of 6.82 carats set within a heart-shaped yellow diamond mount (estimate: \$350,000-450,000).

Equally unique and exceptional is her collection of colored gemstones, which features an extraordinary pink-orange Padparadscha sapphire ring of 20.84 carats, a rarity in today's market (estimate: \$180,000-220,000). The gemstone whose name is derived from the Sanskrit word 'padmaraga,' meaning the color of a lotus blossom in bloom, displays an excellent hue, intensity and saturation of color. Designed especially for Mrs. Kelly by the celebrated jeweler, Henry Dunay, this captivating piece is part of her vast collection of his designs.

The Philanthropy of Mrs. Margaret Adderley Kelly

Mrs. Kelly's philanthropy was a cornerstone of her life and many organizations benefited from her generosity including The Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to which she gifted \$1 million. A member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Grand Opera, she sponsored several galas and operatic productions. In honor of her grandson, Russell Adderley, who died of cancer at the age of 12, she bequeathed \$2 million to the School of Medicine at the University of Michigan. Mrs. Kelly was also involved with organizations including the Memorial Sloane-Kettering Cancer Center, the MD Anderson Cancer Center and a \$1 million gift to Catholic Charities.

Auction:	Magnificent Jewels of Margaret Adderley Kelly	June 7
Viewing:	Christie's Galleries at 20 Rockefeller Plaza	June 2-6

More information about Christie's sale of *Magnificent Jewels of Margaret Adderley Kelly* can be found on www.christies.com. All lots from the sale can be viewed online along with full catalogue descriptions on Lotfinder®, which also allows clients to leave absentee bids. www.christies.com provides information on more than 80 sale categories, buying and selling at auction, complete auction results, and Christie's international auction calendar.

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