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## **CHRISTIE'S TO SELL 200 SELECTED PAINTINGS & SCULPTURES FROM THE COLLECTION OF Dr. JOSEPH BROWN A.O., O.B.E.**

### **\$3 Million Survey of Australian Art from Early Colonial to Contemporary**

Christie's Director and Head of Australian & International Paintings, Jon Dwyer announced that the company has been appointed to auction, on Tuesday 17 May in Melbourne, over 200 works of painting and sculpture selected from The Collection of Dr. Joseph Brown A.O. O.B.E. It is anticipated the sale will realise about \$3 million.

*"It is a great honour to be entrusted with the sale of paintings and sculpture from the Dr. Joseph Brown Collection. Dr. Brown is one of the most outstanding philanthropists in our nations artistic and cultural history. He is a figure who stands in the company of Sir Baldwin Spencer and Alfred Felton. As a collector he arguably has few Australian rivals in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and his recent major donations to the NGV and other institutions is a testament to Dr. Brown's taste as a collector, his generosity and public spirit. Similarly, the works being offered in this sale represent a remarkable survey of Australian art through all its key eras, from early Colonial through the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the Heidelberg school, to Post-War, Modern and Contemporary. The 200 works selected for sale represents an astonishing collection in its own right. This sale is a unique opportunity for a new age of collectors to derive the pleasure and inspiration from acquiring art collected so fondly and astutely by one of the great figures in our cultural history."* said Jon Dwyer.

Amongst many sale highlights are:

Russell Drysdale **'Diver – Broome'** (1959) *estimate \$450,000-600,000*

Walter Withers **'Farmer's Girl'** (1892) *estimate \$150,000 - \$200,000*

Tudor St. George Tucker **'Springtime'** (1890) *estimate \$120,000-180,000*

Charles Blackman **'Hopscotch'** (1953) *estimate \$110,000 - \$150,000*

Penleigh Boyd **'Wattle on the Yarra'** (circa 1920) *estimate \$60,000-90,000*

Tom Roberts **'Australian Landscape'** (circa 1925) *estimate \$60,000 - \$80,000*

Sidney Nolan **'Carcass'** (circa 1950) *estimate \$50,000-80,000*

Also included in the auction are fine works by almost every notable Australian artist from, Martens to Williams, **important sculptures** by Robert Klippel and Danila Vassilieff, and **contemporary art** including works by Mike Brown, Peter Booth, Robert Rooney, Tony Tuckson, Peter Tyndall, Jan Senbergs, Vicki Varvaressos and many others.

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**ART FROM THE COLLECTION OF Dr. JOSEPH BROWN A.O. O.B.E.**

**Date of Sale**

**TUESDAY 17 MAY**

**in MELBOURNE (*commencing at 6.30pm*)**

**ON VIEW**

**Sydney** at Christie's, 287 New South Head Road, Edgecliff from Friday 6 until Sunday 8 May.

**Melbourne** at Christie's, 1 Darling Street, South Yarra from Friday 13 until Monday 16 May.

**Viewing times are from 11.00am to 5.00pm daily.**

Catalogues are available from April 29 at Christie's offices.

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