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SHELLEY'S SHELLEY

Famous astrologer, Shelley von Strunckel lifts the lid on her ceramic collection

British Decorative Arts

Wednesday 11th May 2005

"I started being given Shelley ceramics as a child, and have been in love with them ever since. Exploring Shelley is like a stroll through history, from Victorian times, through Jazz and Art Deco to the 1950's".

Shelley von Strunckel

South Kensington – One of Britain's best loved astrologers, Shelley Von Strunckel is to sell her beloved collection of Shelley ceramics at Christie's South Kensington on Wednesday 11th May 2005. Produced in Derbyshire since 1872, Shelley ceramics have gone through many design phases, mirroring tastes and styles, evolving from Victorian, through art deco to the 1950s; ranging from stunningly stylish to floral charm. As it was originally widely exported, it remains an established collecting field today for "British Americans", and antipodeans.

Shelley von Strunckel writes daily astrological columns in London's Evening Standard Magazine, and the Sunday Times Style magazine. She has been a collector since childhood, but the hunt intensified when she moved to the UK fifteen years ago. She is now selling her collection because she's moving to a smaller home. She says:

"I use my Shelley almost every day, and derive huge pleasure from it. It's as much of a delight watching guests' reaction when they're presented with their tea or coffee in charming Shelley cups"

This sale should appeal to anyone wanting to impress their friends with beautiful tablewares, as highlights include a selection of eye-catching services from £100-£500 each, as well as cake and pastry plates for summertime high teas at £200-£300 for a set.

The British Decorative Arts sale also includes generous helpings of *Clarice Cliff, Susie Cooper, Daulton, Minton* and *Wedgwood Fairyland Lustre*.

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Notes to Editors:

- Christie's Decorative Arts Department retains a proud tradition of pioneering new sale categories such as Aesthetic Movement, Art Nouveau, Art Deco and Liberty, and has held specialist Arts & Crafts sales since 2000. The most expensive lot sold by Christie's Decorative Arts Department, South Kensington was a Christopher Dresser Teapot for £95,000 in July 2004.
- Christie's Catalogues: 020 7389 2820
- Shelley Von Strunckel was born in Hollywood, California, and has been living in the UK since 1990. She writes regular columns in the London Evening Standard, Sunday Times Style Magazine and British, French and Chinese Vogue.

In 2005 Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, will have the following 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.

Christie's South Kensington is now open seven days a week with regular new sales on Sundays. The UK's busiest auction house, Christie's South Kensington offers more sales in more categories than any other auction house. With prices ranging from £200 to over £20,000, the average price at Christie's South Kensington is £1,000. Established in 1975 on the Old Brompton Road, Christie's South Kensington offers over 50,000 objects a year including works of art, furniture, paintings, prints and drawings, glass, ceramics, lighting, modern design, and silver. There is something for everyone and all you need to decorate your home or start a collection.

Christie's South Kensington is also famed for its popular collectible sales including Toys, Teddy Bears, Cameras, and Costumes, Posters, Film, Football and Pop Memorabilia to name just a few! If you are looking for a little luxury from as little as £200, regular sales of Vintage Jewellery, Fashion and Fine Wines also regularly appear on the auction calendar. For those contemplating selling, Christie's expertise is also available 7 days a week, free of charge, at the Valuation Counter to advise you on the current market value for your works of art.