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A GIFT FROM THE LATE DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES





Jewels at South Kensington Wednesday, 4 June 2008 at 2.00pm

South Kensington - "Dearest Rita, this necklace was made for you and comes with so much love to a very special lady with an extraordinary gift...from x Diana x" An 18ct. gold necklace by Van Cleef & Arpels, presented by the late Diana, Princess of Wales is estimated to realise between £4,000 and £6,000 when it is offered at Christie's South Kensington on Wednesday, 4 June. Featuring 230 lots, with estimates ranging from £350 to £18,000, the sale as a whole is expected to realise in excess of £500,000.

The necklace, designed as a series of polished yellow gold interlocking heart motif links, is signed VCA and hallmarked 1996. Accompanied by a handwritten letter from the late Diana, Princess of Wales, dated 13 August 1997, this necklace is being offered for sale by Rita Rogers; perhaps one of the UK's best known mediums who became friends with Diana from 1994 onwards. A donation from the proceeds will be given to local hospices, in memory of the Princess.

Rita Rogers: "Diana was a dear friend who I miss greatly. But she wasn't sentimental about possessions, and I know she wouldn't want her gift to cause a problem between my girls when I'm gone, so it is with great reluctance that I have decided to sell it and use the proceeds to good effect."

Keith Penton, Head of Jewellery, Christie's South Kensington: "This attractive necklace, made by leading jewellery house Van Cleef & Arpels and complete with interesting provenance, is sure to capture people's imaginations and create considerable interest."

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Notes to editors:

Auction: Wednesday, 4 June at 2.00pm

Viewing: Saturday, 31 May – Wednesday, 4 June