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Christie's South Kensington Interiors Sale Summary – May 2008

Style and Spirit and **Oak Editions** at Christie's South Kensington this May totaled **£2,178,850** (Style and Spirit: £1,570,875 / Oak Editions: £607,975).

STYLE AND SPIRIT saw overall solid performances in all categories, with exceptional results for Silver and Clocks which both sold well over 90% by lot. The style of the catalogue is proving to be very well-liked by both vendors and buyers and we are seeing more people actively wanting to consign to this sale format. Buyers from some 26 countries participated, but the overall results saw nearly 80% of the lots in the sale find new homes with European buyers.

OAK EDITIONS saw a good performance for the first sale of its kind within the new Interiors model. The pictures from the studio of Anne E. Christopherson sold well, and added a welcome extra dimension to the sale. Textiles and tapestries were also well received and the sale was dominated by clients from the UK, who made up 70% of the buyers.

TOP LOTS:

Style and Spirit:

Lot 231

*A Ceylonese Ivory inlaid specimen wood,
Ebony and Parquetry centre table, mid-19th century*

Estimate: £15,000-25,000

Sold: £38,900



Oak Editions:

Lot 423

Oak Gateleg Table, Property of Michael Dann Esq

Estimate: £8,000-12,000

Sold: £24,500



Nic McElhatton, Deputy Chairman, Christie's South Kensington said:

"The success of the new Interiors model of sales introduced this year to South Kensington has surpassed all our wildest dreams. The concept of combining the multiple categories of decorative arts into one sale, on one day in the magalogue format, coupled with weekend viewing has proved overwhelmingly popular with buyers and vendors alike. The premier editions of these sales Style & Spirit, and Oak have been particularly well received. In our 13th May Style and Spirit edition over 450 clients registered to bid in the sale, which is by far the biggest total of registrants for any sale at South Kensington so far this year. Every sale attracts more and more new clients to Christie's. We have had very encouraging feedback on the new state-of-the-art salerooms, and the direction in which we are moving. We will continue to evolve this new sales concept, ensuring we offer our clients a unique and unparalleled buying experience."

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