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HIGH SUMMER AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON

It's best not to stray too far from London this August, as you may miss out on the opportunity to acquire works by some of the most talented UK artists of past and present at Christie's South Kensington.

British & Continental Pictures, Wednesday 24th August at 10.30am

Christie's South Kensington

Included in this sale is selection of pictures from both continental Europe and the UK, dating from 18th, 19th and 20th centuries and a collection of over 30 modern and contemporary works from a group of Belorussian artists. New to auction, these pieces provide an ideal opportunity to view and purchase commercial and collectable art works at affordable price and the chance to jump-start a new collection, or pick up a stunning piece of art to brighten up a home. Artists will include among others, the work of Vassily Kostjutschenko, Vladimir Sulkovsky, Gregory Nesterov and Valentin Gubarev. All are established artists in their own country and subjects range from traditional figurative works to more contemporary abstract paintings, with prices ranging from as little as £200-300 up to £1000-1500.

Further artists represented in the sale include A Wheeler, J R Herbert, R Bissier, R Cleminson, M D'Aguilar, R G Eves and Maurice Alfred Decamps amongst others.

20th Century British Art, Thursday 25th August at 2.00pm

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This ever popular sale features works of art from 1900s to the present day. All tastes are catered for, from traditional offerings by artists such as Augustus John and Sir Jacob Epstein, through to the more abstract works of Sir Terry Frost, Mary Fedden and Julian Trevelyan. With estimates ranging from £200 to £20,000, the sale provides the perfect opportunity to pick up a piece of quality British art to brighten up a summer home.

Amongst the highlights includes *Mechanical Fantasy*, circa 1960 by Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, R.A. (estimate: £4,000-6,000). Sir Eduardo Paolozzi was heavily influenced by the life and works of Ludwig Wittgenstein, and his work combines hard edged abstract designs with mechanistic elements. Also offered is *Boy with Dog*, circa 1985 by Michael Quanne (estimate: £1,200-2,000). From the age of sixteen, the longest time Michael Quanne spent out of prison was three years, and although his paintings do not portray his prison life, there are recurring themes of walls, railings and faces peering out of windows.

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Images available on request

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Notes to Editors:

Christie's South Kensington is the first international auction house in London to offer regular weekend auctions.

Viewing Times:

Saturday 20 th & Sunday 21 st August	10am – 4pm
Monday 22 nd August	9am – 7.00pm
Tuesday 23 rd August	9am – 5pm