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CHRISTIE'S APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVES IN AUSTRALIA

London, England. Lisa King, Christie's International Managing Director, announced today that the company has appointed Ronan Sulich and Patricia Kontos as Christie's representatives in Australia. Ronan Sulich will be based in Sydney with Patricia Kontos located in Melbourne.

Mrs King said *"Christie's is delighted that Ronan and Patricia have decided to remain with Christie's as Representatives in the Australian market. As highly regarded specialists both have been valued members of the team in Australia and in their new roles will ensure that Australian clients have continued access to the international art market. Although Australia is no longer a centre of regular auctions, if the appropriate business opportunity arises, Christie's will conduct house sales or single-owner collections for sale in Australia, as well as offering Australian clients the opportunity to sell and buy in the international market place through the most appropriate of our other saleroom locations."*

Ronan Sulich, a graduate of The University of Sydney (BA, & Dip. Museum Studies), has been with Christie's Australia since 1995, following a period of six years working in London. Most recently he has served as senior specialist responsible for the Decorative Arts department in Sydney. Ronan has been a popular and highly respected member of the specialist staff at Christie's Australia with colleagues and clients alike. He has served key roles in many major Australian auctions, including *The John Schaeffer Collection*, *The Leo Schofield Collection – Bronte House*, *The Eric Dare Collection* and, very recently, *The W.R. Burge Collection*. His new position carries overall responsibility for representative operations in Australia.

Patricia Kontos graduated from the arts faculty of The University of Melbourne in 1987 and later obtained a Diploma of Gemmology and Diamond Grading Certificate. Before joining Christie's she served as a Deputy Director at Sotheby's Australia and was Head of Jewellery, Clocks and Watches. In 2004 she joined Christie's as a Senior Paintings Specialist. Patricia quickly became a key member of the Australian Painting Department, working closely with then Director, Jon Dwyer. She was instrumental in helping secure a number of important sales for Christie's, including *The Coles Myer Collection* and *The Bleasel Collection*.

Ronan and Patricia will be supported in their efforts advising Australian clients by regular visits to Australia by a number of Christie's senior international specialists.

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