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ACCESSORISE YOUR HOME THIS AUTUMN AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON

Autumn 2005 Decorative Arts Season

South Kensington - Christie's South Kensington is the ideal place this Autumn to decorate your home with an inspirational line-up of Decorative Arts sales which will tantalise all tastes and budgets. Whether your home is traditional, contemporary, modern or kitsch, the sales present a wonderful opportunity to find that perfect addition to any room.

The season commences with the popular **Art Deco and Art Nouveau** two-part sale on **Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October at 1pm**. Art Deco and Art Nouveau were the first style movements to look forward, rather than taking designs from the past, and this sale will feature decorative arts from the 1890s to the 1940s. From the soft, naturalistic Art Nouveau cameo glass of Emile Gallé and Daum Frères, to the geometric Art Deco designs of Georg Jensen, this vibrant mix of ceramics, glass, furniture, metalwork, sculpture, and works on paper, make this sale hard to resist. Estimates range from £500 to £25,000.

Clarice Cliff (1899 – 1972), the leading British Art Deco potter, produced such a wide variety of different shapes and designs that Christie's South Kensington holds two sales a year entirely devoted to her. Following the success of the weekend February sale, the second Clarice Cliff sale of 2005 will also take place on a **Sunday - 9 October**. The sale presents the perfect weekend shopping opportunity, providing an extensive selection of decorative items and table wares with prices starting from as little as £200, and Clarice Cliff's adventurous designs give a quirky twist to the most modern homes. Highlights include a Orange Erin Charger (estimate: £2,500-3,500) and a Blue Firs conical coffee service (estimate: £2,500-3,000).

Christie's South Kensington's annual specialist **Moorcroft** sale follows Clarice Cliff on **Monday 10 October**. This sale will feature wares from all phases of the pottery's output. From the early pieces designed by William Moorcroft (1872–1945) who was just 24 when he started designing for James Macintyre, through to his Moorcroft factory from 1912, and later designs by his son, Walter, from 1945. The sale will also include more recent limited editions. Characterised by swirling patterns and a vibrant colour palate, Moorcroft pottery has continued the Arts & Crafts style with huge success. Highlights this autumn include a Persian jardinière (estimate: £1,800–2,200) and a Moonlit Blue vase (estimate: £2,500–3,500) but it is also possible to pick up a beautiful piece of Moorcroft for as little as £200.

The next specialist sale is **Lalique Glass** on **Thursday 3 November**. Rene Lalique's beautiful opalescent glass is still as popular today as ever. Rene Lalique (1860-1945) was the world's leading art glass designer of the art deco period. He opened his first retail salon in Paris in 1905 next door to the Coty perfume premises and sold jewellery and decorative pieces. Coty commissioned perfume bottles from his friend Lalique, and these commissions soon grew into a thriving glass business for Lalique. This sale will feature a multitude of clocks, perfume bottles, boxes, car mascots, paperweights, glasses, bowls and vases. A highlight of the sale is *Le Jour et La Nuit*, a smokey grey glass table clock (estimate: £10,000–15,000).

The afternoon sale on **3 November** of **20th Century Decorative Arts**, and will incorporate ceramics, glass, works on paper, metalwork and sculpture from the Art Nouveau and Art Deco period, from £300 upwards.

The third **British Decorative Arts** of the year takes place on **Sunday 20 November** and will showcase an impressive array of late 19th and early 20th century British decorative design. These sales offer good quality wares from the leading manufacturers, including **Doulton, Susie Cooper, Beswick, Poole Pottery, Minton** and **Wedgwood Fairyland Lustre**, as well as glass and metalwork; estimates starting from as little as £200.

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Images available on request

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Art Nouveau	Wednesday 4 October	1pm
Art Deco	Thursday 5 October	1pm
Clarice Cliff	Sunday 9 October	11.30am
Moorcroft	Monday 10 November	2pm
Lalique Glass	Thursday 3 November	10.30am
20 th Century Decorative Arts	Thursday 3 November	1pm
British Decorative Arts	Sunday 20 November	11.30am
Arts & Crafts	Thursday 1 December	10.30am

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LEFT

Art Deco & Nouveau – Wed 4 & Thurs 5 October, 1pm

A cold-painted bronze and ivory figure of a female flamenco dancer, cast and carved from a model by Paul Philippe, 17.1/4in. (43.8cm.) high, Estimate £7,000-9,000



LEFT

**Clarice Cliff –
(a selection)**

Sun 9 October, 11.30am



ABOVE

British Decorative Arts

Sunday 20 November 2005 at 11.30am

Wedgwood Fairyland Lustre Candlemas vase designed by Daisy Makeig-Jones

Estimate: £2,000-3,000

RIGHT

(a selection)

Moorcroft – Monday 10 October, 2pm



RIGHT

British Decorative Arts

Sunday 20 November 2005 at 11.30am

Silver tea-set designed by Harold Stabler

Estimate: £1,200-1,800



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

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