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**VINTAGE FASHION AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON
IN SEPTEMBER**



**Costume and Textiles including 20th Century Fashion
Thursday, 29 September 2005 at 10.30am**

South Kensington – The popular annual **Costume and Textiles including 20th Century Fashion** sale on **29 September 2005** is a must for fashion devotees searching for vintage clothes and accessories in excellent condition at good value prices. Featuring pieces by established designers such as Versace, Vivienne Westwood, Christian Dior, Ossie Clark and Biba, as well as classic designers of the earlier 20th century such as Balenciaga, Chanel and Paul Poiret, estimates start from as little as £100.

A beautiful collection of vintage creations from the private collection of the former Swedish model Ms Ulla Carenby leads the sale. From 1967 to the mid 1970s Ms Carenby modelled for, among other designers, Yves Saint Laurent and was his favourite model and also a close friend.

Including examples of both Haute Couture and Pret à Porter, the collection includes a beautiful selection of clothes and accessories by classic designers such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Pierre Cardin, Pucci and of course, Yves Saint Laurent (estimates range from £50 to £1,000). The former Swedish top model was presented with many of the pieces by several of the famous fashion houses. They have remained in impeccable condition, with many never worn and still in original boxes and covers.

Amongst highlights from the collection includes the classic Yves Saint Laurent smoking suit for women which the designer created in 1966 and has inspired many creations since (estimate: £400-

600) and a beautiful selection of shoes by shoe designer Roger Vivier, who pioneered the stiletto and platform and whose shoes are described as "the Faberge of footwear" (estimate: £500-1,000).

The sale will also offer a second chance to acquire high fashion from the wardrobe of the Parisian socialite, Mme Mona Ayoub. Over 30 Chanel outfits will be offered with estimates from £200 up to £1,000, including evening gowns, silky soft leather jackets and key note Chanel day wear, with matching accessories. Mme Ayoub's wardrobe also includes Jean Paul Gaultier, Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana and John Galiano.

A beautiful selection of over 14 *Kelly* handbags by Hermes highlights the accessories section of the sale. From red crocodile skin to classic brown leather, estimates range from £400 to £4,000.

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Viewing:

- Saturday, 24 September 2005, 10am-4pm
- Sunday, 25 September, 10am-4pm
- Monday, 26 September, 9am-7.30pm
- Tuesday, 27 September, 9am-5pm
- Wednesday, 28 September, 9am-5pm

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Christie's Textiles Department features items from all over the world, including European, Islamic, Indian and Asian Costume, textiles and accessories. Islamic and Indian sales in the autumn and spring include fine Cashmere shawls, Persian, Central Asian, Greek and Turkish textiles. Chinese and Japanese costume and hangings feature strongly in distinct sale sections. Four European sales held throughout the year include lace, costume, textiles, fans, needlework, quilts and samplers dating from the 16th to the 20th centuries. Collectors and fashion aficionados are also catered for with the annual 20th Century Fashion sale held in September which include vintage luggage by Louis Vuitton and *haute couture* by the most famous European designers from the 1920s onwards.