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AFFORDABLE VINTAGE FASHION AT CHRISTIE'S IN AUTUMN



A Christian Dior evening dress, 1950/60s (estimate: £300-500)

Costume and Textiles including Street Fashion, 21 September 2004
Costume and Textiles, 25 November 2004

South Kensington – The autumn fashion season kicks off at Christie's with two sales dedicated to affordable vintage fashion and accessories: *Costume and Textiles including Street Fashion* on 21 September and *Costume and Textiles* on 25 November. A must for any fashion devotee, the sales offer the perfect opportunity to acquire vintage clothes and accessories by established designers at affordable prices, with estimates starting from as little as £100.

From Vivienne Westwood to Biba, classic pieces from renowned designers lead the popular Christie's sale of *Costume and Textiles including Street Fashion* in September. A selection of original Biba samples (estimate: £400-600) will be offered including a 'Mistress Uniform', the leopard print dress worn by the staff in the Kensington shop in the late 1960s and 70s. Popular fashion accessories include a selection of Kelly bags, one made of red alligator skin

(estimates: £800 to 1,200) and a pair of Vivienne Westwood platform shoes similar to the pair worn by Naomi Campbell during her infamous fall on the catwalk.

A beautiful collection of vintage Yves Saint Laurent creations owned by former model Comtesse Paule de Maerindol will also be offered. A model for Chanel and later for Yves Saint Laurent's early collections between 1962-1966, Comtesse de Maerindol was presented with two outfits from each of the collections for every year that she worked with Yves Saint Laurent (estimates range from £300 to £1,200).

Fashionistas looking for unusual accessories will be spoilt for choice with one of the largest fan collections ever offered at auction in the 25 November sale of *Costume and Textiles*. From the sublime to the ridiculous, the Dr P. van Saanen collection features over 3,000 fans spanning all aspects of design and will be offered in three sales in November, March and July 2005. The perfect and unique addition to a special outfit or occasion, the collection features fans from all corners of the globe from the 16th century onwards, with estimates ranging from £100 to £4,000.

Looking for vintage jewellery to complement your fashion? Then try Christie's South Kensington's Jewellery sales for an affordable range of modern and vintage pieces on 14 September, 12 October, 9 November and 8 December. Further information available via Lotfinder on www.christies.com

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