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**ACCESSIBLE MODERN INDIAN ARTWORK AT
CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON IN OCTOBER**



Limited edition signed print by Maqbool Fida Husain (b. 1915) A Chumba Rumal (estimate: £300-400)
from the Mother Theresa series, 1980s (estimate: £500-700)

**Indian and Islamic Art and Textiles including Indian Modern and Contemporary
Works on Paper**

Friday 14 October 2005, 10.30am & 2.00pm

South Kensington – Christie's South Kensington sale of *Indian and Islamic Art and Textiles including Indian Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper* on 14 October 2005 presents the ideal opportunity for new and existing collectors to acquire accessible works on paper by Indian modern and contemporary artists; estimates range from £300 to £6,000. The sale also caters for the home, with a gorgeous selection of Indian shawls (estimates from £200), as well as textiles which would make eye-catching wall hangings (estimate from £200).

Over 38 lots will be offered by modern Indian artists including a limited edition signed print by Maqbool Fida Husain (b. 1915) from the Mother Theresa series, one of his most famous 1980's images (estimate: £500-700); Mukul Dey's *Bathing in the Ganga River during the Lunar Eclipse* which was exhibited in London in 1960 at the Commonwealth Institute Art Gallery in South Kensington (estimate: £500-700) and an ink drawing dated 1972 by Francis Newton Souza (1924-2002) (estimate: £500-700).

Several works by two of Pakistan's leading artists Abdur Rahman Chughtai (1897-1975) and Sadequain (1937-1987) will also be offered including Sadequain's *Portrait of Madame Roseline de Gironde*, 1967 (estimate: £4,000-6,000).

Elsewhere in this colourful and accessible sale includes a selection of Indian and Islamic miniature paintings, works of art, manuscripts and four beautiful *Safavid* tiles decorated with figures (estimate: £2,000–3,000 each). Amongst the selection of highly decorative textiles which range from £200 up to £20,000 and would look exquisite in a modern interior, is a beautiful Mughal tent panel embroidered with a border of scrolling flowers (estimate: £10,000-15,000).

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Notes for Editors:

Viewing:

Saturday, 8 October – Thursday, 13 October 2005
85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3LD
Tel: 0207 930 6074 / www.christies.com

Sale: Friday 14 October, 10.30am & 2.00pm

Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road

Opening hours:

Monday - 9am to 7.30pm

Tuesday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

Open for Weekend Shopping on Saturday and Sunday - 10am to 4pm

The weekend openings will be throughout the year except for bank holidays.

The UK's busiest auction house, Christie's South Kensington offers more sales more often than any other auction house

Christie's sales of Indian and Southeast Asian Art feature art from an expansive geographical range that extends from Afghanistan to Indonesia and from the Himalayas to Sri Lanka. Many of these objects emerge from Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, as well as traditions and cultures dating from the Indus Valley period (c. 3300 B.C.) to works by the most renowned artists of today. Christie's holds four sales a year, two in New York and two in Amsterdam. Christie's South Kensington saleroom in London dedicates four sales a year to Indian, Islamic and Asian textiles.