

**For Immediate Release**

3 October 2007

Contact: Rhiannon Broomfield 0207.389.2117  
Zoe Schoon 0207.752.3121

[rbroomfield@christies.com](mailto:rbroomfield@christies.com)  
[zschoon@christies.com](mailto:zschoon@christies.com)

**PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE THE  
HONOURABLE MRS ANGELA LASCELLES TO BE OFFERED AT  
CHRISTIE'S IN OCTOBER 2007**



**Property from the Collection of the Late The Honourable Mrs Angela Lascelles  
Sunday, 28 October 2007 at 11.30am**

**Public Viewing from: Friday 26 – Sunday 28 October 2007**

**South Kensington** - Christie's announces that **Property from the Collection of the Late The Honourable Mrs Angela Lascelles** will be offered for sale on Sunday, 28 October 2007 at South Kensington. Angela Lascelles (1919-2007) was married to the Hon Gerald Lascelles (1924-1998), a first cousin of Her Majesty The Queen and the younger son of the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Harewood (1882-1947) and Her Royal Highness Princess Mary, The Princess Royal (1897-1965), the only daughter of H.M. King George V (1865-1936). The sale offers collectors the chance to acquire a broad range of over 200 lots of works of art, many with Royal provenance, including furniture, silver, jewellery, textiles, stamps, objects of vertu and pictures from her former residences Fort Belvedere, Surrey and Virginia Cottage in Windsor Great Park; estimates range from £200 to over £5,000.

Giving a fascinating glimpse into Royal clothing of the period, the sale will offer a superb selection of **costumes** and **textiles**. Among the costumes to be offered from Her Majesty Queen Mary (1867-1953) includes a pair of silk stockings woven with the crowned cypher of Queen Mary (estimate: £200-300) and a nightgown from the 1930s embroidered with a crowned 'M' monogram (estimate: £100-200). The period 1910-1930 saw a revival in exotic influences amongst Western women of style and the collection includes a turquoise silk Chinese-style coat similar to a coat worn by Queen Mary on her first visit to the cinema in 1924 (estimate: £1,000-2,000) (*pictured right*).



Other ornamental pieces include two fans (estimate: £400-600); a pale blue wool wrap worked by Queen Mary (estimate: £300-500) and a sewing workbox given by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra (1844-1925) to her granddaughter Princess Mary, The Princess Royal which is accompanied by a handwritten card *For Dear little Mary from Grannie, Xmas, 1921* (estimate: £500-800). Amongst the monogrammed textiles includes a collection of Queen Mary's monogrammed lace handkerchiefs (estimate: £300-500) and a silk scarf monogrammed with Her Majesty Queen Victoria's (1837-1901) crowned cypher (estimate: £100-150).

Amongst the decorative selection of **furniture** includes a late Victorian screen decorated with various scenes from Christmas cards which was given to Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince and Princess of Wales for the Royal Nursery by Mrs Carr, widow of Dr. Carr of Blackheath, Dec 1901 (estimate: £2,000-3,000) (*pictured right*). Practical as well as having superb Royal provenance is a wonderful selection of **silver** including a chocolate pot, *circa* 1780 which is engraved with the cypher of Queen Mary (estimate: £800-1,200).



Personal items include a Victorian tea-caddy, dated 1873 which was a gift to the Hon. Gerald Lascelles (b. 1953) on the occasion of his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, 21 August 1934, from his grandparents, King George V and Queen Mary (estimate: £500-800) and a French miniature timepiece, *circa* 1880 which is inscribed *From Mama/To Dear Georgie/Sepr 1880*

(estimate: £500-800) which was a gift from Queen Alexandra to her younger son King George V when Prince George.

Amongst the many sought-after collector items in the sale are a superb selection of *All World Accumulation* stamps from 1850-1857 which are housed in an exquisite green



leather bound album (estimate: £8,000-10,000). The **objects of vertu** section is highlighted by a miniature portrait pendant of Princess Alexandra of Denmark (1844-1925), Queen Consort to Edward VII (1841-1910) which is inscribed *To the Princess Mary on her marriage, From the People of Cheltenham* (estimate: £2,000-3,000) (pictured left) and various

items including a pair of Asprey crocodile leather opera binoculars which were used by Queen Mary (estimate: £500-800). Completing the sale is a selection of decorative prints of scenes of Windsor Great Park (estimates range from £300-500) and a complete set of 12 aquatints in colours depicting select views of Windsor Castle, *circa* 1827, by William Daniel, R.A. (1769-1837) (estimate: £5,000-8,000).

Also from the collection is a recently discovered secretaire-cabinet probably supplied by Thomas Chippendale for Daniel Lascelles at Goldsborough Hall, Yorkshire (estimate: £50,000-80,000) (pictured right) which will be offered in the **Important English Furniture** sale at Christie's King Street on 22 November 2007. A selection of jewellery from the collection will be offered in the **Important Jewellery** sale at King Street on 12 December 2007.



### **The Honourable Angela Lascelles (1919-2007)**

Angela Estree Lyssod D'Arcy Dowding was born on 20 April, 1919 in London and educated at Tortington School, Arundel and a Parisian finishing school. She was determined to become an actress and enrolled at the Central School of Speech and Drama. Having been offered a part in Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* in the West End, Angela went on to appear in various tours with the Malvern Players.

On 15 July, 1952, Angela married the Hon. Gerald Lascelles at St Margaret's Westminster, the ceremony being attended by the Duke of Edinburgh and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret with a crowd of over 10,000 people lining the nearby streets. On the 19 May, 1953 their son Henry was born and in 1955, they moved to Fort

Belvedere in Surrey (*pictured below*), the former home of the Duke of Windsor which had lain empty and subsequently run-down since the Abdication in 1936.



Angela took charge of the restoration, employing Stanley Peters to oversee the interior decoration. She commissioned murals of views of Harewood House and Windsor Castle from Oliver Carson, and copied the dado from the Royal Pavilion in Brighton. The Princess Royal volunteered to help with the garden, removing brambles from the climbing roses. Always excellent hosts, Angela and

Gerald Lascelles entertained such luminaries from the world of motor sport as Jack Brabham, Jim Clark and Graham Hill, and jazz stars, including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Count Basie. They lived at Fort Belvedere until their divorce in 1978. Angela moved to Virginia Cottage in Windsor Great Park, and remained on good terms with the Royal Family, Her Majesty The Queen continuing to invite her to the Royal Box at Ascot.

# # #

Visit Christie's on the web at [www.christies.com](http://www.christies.com)

A selection of images is available on request

**Public Viewing Dates:**

- Friday, 26 October 9am - 5pm
- Saturday, 27 October 10am - 4pm
- Sunday, 28 October 10am - End of Sale

**Auction: Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3LD**

- Sunday, 28 October at 11.30am

**Catalogues & General Public Enquiries:** +44 (0) 20 7389 2820

**About Christie's**

Christie's is the world's leading art business with global auction sales in 2006 that totalled £2.51 billion / \$4.67 billion. Worldwide sales for the first half of 2007 totalled £1.63 billion / \$3.25 billion, an increase of 32% by £ and 45% by \$ from the same period last year and highest half year sales ever in art market history. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service, and international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's conducted the greatest auctions of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, and today remains a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 600 sales annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$80 million. Christie's has 85 offices in 43 countries and 14 salerooms around the world including London, New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Tel Aviv, Dubai and Hong Kong. Most recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in emerging markets such as China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Dubai, Mumbai and Russia. Christie's also offers its clients worldwide access to its sales through Christie's LIVE™, its unique, real-time online bidding service.