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**DAVID LINLEY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF CHRISTIE'S UK**

Christie's International, the world's leading art business, announces that David Linley has been appointed Chairman of Christie's UK.

From 1 December 2006, David Linley assumes the full-time role of Chairman, Christie's UK. He will be responsible for leading the Chairman's office in the United Kingdom working with Christie's specialists on developing the business and client relationships both in the UK and internationally.

"David Linley's knowledge and understanding of collecting, together with his passion for works of art, have made him a natural addition to Christie's. He now develops his existing relationship with the company to join us in to work in a much more proactive and involved way as our Chairman in the United Kingdom", said Edward Dolman, CEO, Christie's International.

"It is a great honour to be appointed as Chairman, Christie's UK. Christie's is an organization whose passion for the unique and the beautiful holds much in common with my personal values and with those of my own company LINLEY. I have enjoyed a close relationship with Christie's for many years and look forward to enhancing this to promote the arts to collectors and enthusiasts worldwide", said David Linley on his appointment.

David Linley originally joined the Board of Christie's in a non-executive capacity in February 2005. His evolved appointment reflects his growing interest in, and knowledge of, the art market and marks a desire to further develop his career after more than twenty years working solely for his own business.

David's new position at Christie's will complement that of his continuing role as Chairman of his eponymous company LINLEY. Synergy between the two companies has already been demonstrated through a number of collaborative projects. David will continue to work closely with LINLEY Chief Executive Officer, Fraser Allan, who joined the business in April to develop the enormous potential of the brand.

David Linley has achieved international renown for his company, LINLEY, which designs and manufactures furniture, upholstery and accessories of the highest quality. David established the business in 1985 focussing on the production of bespoke furniture for individual commissions. Appropriately, the launch of David's business took place at Christie's.

David Linley's passion for the arts was nurtured at school in Bedales, which is renowned for its emphasis on arts and crafts. From 1980-82, he studied at Parnham House School for Craftsman in Wood. Three years after opening his own workshop in Dorking where he designed and made furniture, Linley set up David Linley Furniture Ltd., now known as Linley. David Linley Furniture Ltd was in fact launched at Christie's King Street 20 years ago.

David has written numerous books and lectured around the world at venues including the V&A Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, the LA County Museum of Art, the Dallas Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago and many other leading American institutions. He has also lectured in Tokyo, Kyoto, Sydney and Geneva.

Christie's also announce that Charles Cator, International Head of the Furniture Department, has been appointed Deputy Chairman of Christie's International.

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**Notes to Editors:**

-- Christie's is the world's leading art business with global sales in 2005 that totaled \$3.2 billion. It 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and today remains a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers nearly 1,000 sales annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewelry, photographs, collectibles, wine, cars and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$80 million. Christie's has 90 offices in 30 countries and 16 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Tel Aviv and Hong Kong. Most recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in emerging markets such Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai. In 2005, Christie's annual global sales increased 38% to \$3.2 billion, the highest total in company history and propelling the auction house into global market leadership.

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