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RED AND YELLOW AND PINK AND GREEN,



PURPLE AND ORANGE AND BLUE



YOU CAN OWN A RAINBOW TOO

South Kensington – Christie's is offering discerning fashion-conscious females the perfect opportunity to brighten up their winter wardrobes with a rainbow of Hermès handbags on offer in the upcoming *Elegance* auction. Definitely worth 'saving the date for', the auction will be held at the Old Brompton Road saleroom on 16 November at 10.30am, with all items on public exhibition in the days preceding: 12-15 November. The ultimate luxury fashion accessory, Hermès handbags are favoured by high profile celebrities and members of the fashion elite all over the world – this auction allows anyone to bid on the rare and highly sought-after items in their brightest colours and most unique designs. A total of over sixty handbags will be offered alongside jewellery and watches from some of the top designers and watchmakers, ranging from contemporary designs through to unique antique pieces.

Illustrated above, top row (left to right): A red leather 'Birkin' bag, Hermès, 2005, Estimate: £4,000-6,000; A mustard yellow pigskin leather 'Kelly' bag, Hermès, 2000, Estimate: £2,500-3,500; A fuchsia lizard 'Birkin' bag, Hermès, 2006 Estimate: £20,000-24,000; A bottle green box leather 'Kelly' bag with interior jewel box, Hermès, 1959 Estimate: £3,000-4,000

Illustrated above, bottom row (left to right): A violet ostrich 'Bolide' bag, Hermès, 2006, Estimate: £2,000-3,000; A saffron crocodile 'Birkin' bag, Hermès, 2004, Estimate: £26,000-28,000; A blue jean 'Birkin' bag, Hermès, 2009, Estimate: £3,000-5,000.

And for lovers of quality Hermès craftsmanship who prefer a more classic, timeless and muted palette, the sale will also contain many bags that ooze understated glamour on offer in blacks, golds, greys and browns.



A bi-colour black and graphite crocodile 'Birkin' bag, Hermès, 2007
Estimate: £20,000-25,000



A gold ostrich 'Bolide' bag, Hermès, *circa* 1972
Estimate: £1,500-2,500



An etoupe leather 'Birkin' bag and matching purse, Hermès, 2009
Estimate: £5,000-7,000



A gold ostrich 'Kelly' bag, Hermès, 1977
Estimate: £4,000-6,000

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High resolution images and further information available upon request

<http://www.christies.com/departments/costume-textiles-and-fans-22-1.aspx>

Notes to Editors:

Public Viewing: Saturday 12 November: 11.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday 13 November: 11.00am - 5.00pm
Monday 14 November: 9.00am - 7.30pm
Tuesday 15 November: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Auction: *ELEGANCE: Jewels, Watches & Handbags* – Wednesday, 16 November 2011 at 10:30am

Ecatalogue: Available online from mid-October 2011 at www.christies.com/calendar

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