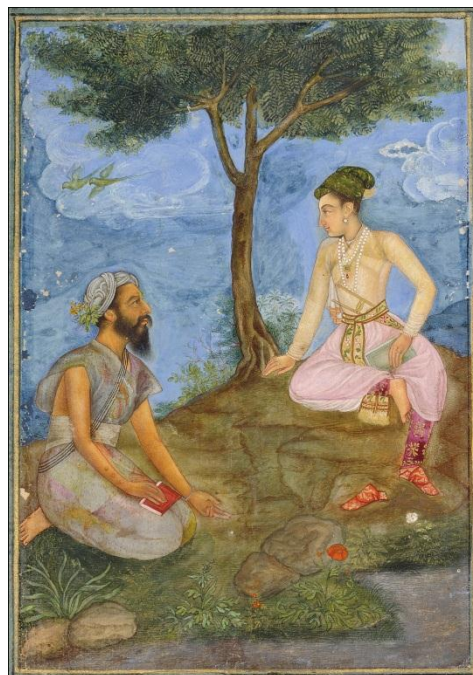


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ARTS OF INDIA

Fine Indian Works of Art at Christie's London in June



South Kensington, London – The Spring auctions of Indian Art at Christie's London in June will commence with *The Garden of Epics – Indian Court Paintings from a Distinguished Collection* and *Arts of India* on Monday 10 June 2013. A curated selection of forty-five paintings from a private collection, *The Garden of Epics* will feature rare and important examples of Pahari paintings, together with Rajput and Mughal works. Highlights of the sale include an illustration from a celebrated series by Purkhu (estimate: £25,000 – 35,000, *illustrated above left*), and an illustration from a dispersed *Nakiya* series: *Abhisarika Nayika* (estimate: £20,000 – 30,000).

The new *Arts of India* sale includes a large selection of fine classical paintings, from 17th century Mughal portraits to Rajput, Pahari and Company school paintings. It will also feature 19th century jewellery, with a large selection of gemset and enamelled necklaces, bracelets and pendants, and a wide variety of cabinets and pieces of furniture, from 16th century Indo-Portuguese boxes to Coromandel settees and 19th century Anglo-Indian chests. Courtly objects, but also Arms and armour and fine ivory carvings will illustrate the breadth and wealth of Indian art, spanning centuries of the sub-continent's history. Highlights include a rare and complete album (*muraqqa*) of Mughal paintings (estimate: £40,000 – 60,000, *detail illustrated above right*), and a carved grey schist figure of a seated Buddha which dates to 2nd-3rd century AD (estimate: £12,000 – 18,000).

Public Exhibition:

Friday, 7 June 2013: 9:00am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, 8 June 2013: 11:00 am – 5:00pm
Sunday, 9 June 2013: 11:00 am – 5:00pm

Auction:

The Garden of Epics – Indian Court Paintings from a Distinguished Collection
Monday, 10 June 2013
10:00 am

Auction:

Arts of India
Monday, 10 June 2013
10:30 am & 2:00 pm

Christie's South Kensington

Open seven days a week, Christie's South Kensington is one of the busiest salerooms in the UK attracting over 200,000 visitors each year. With over 100 sales and offering more than 20,000 lots annually, estimates start from under £1,000. Interiors sales dedicated to home furnishings are held three times a month alongside regular Sunday sales of single-owner collections. Specialised sales for the avid collector are scheduled throughout the year according to category, and include Popular Culture Memorabilia, Vintage Couture, Islamic Art, Jewellery, 20th Century British Art and Chinese Works of Art, amongst others. In 2012 Christie's South Kensington realised the highest ever total for the third consecutive year with sales of £139.4 million / \$223.1 million having welcomed a 10% growth in registered bidders and a 20% increase (£ / \$) in total sales.

About Christie's

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*Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, financing fees or application of buyer's or seller's credits.

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