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THE ART OF FOOD AND DRINK

16 JANUARY 2014

CHRISTIE'S SET TO TANTALISE TASTEBUDS WITH EPICUREAN AUCTION IN JANUARY



South Kensington, London - Christie's will offer an eclectic selection of food and drink-related items to tempt gourmet buyers at *The Art of Food & Drink* sale on 16 January 2014. Following the success of recent themed sales including *Out of the Ordinary* in September 2013 and *The London Sale* in September 2012, this is a one-off auction that will introduce connoisseurs and epicures alike to the art of food and drink: the focus of some of the greatest art and design throughout history. Comprising over 180 lots, ranging from £400 to £60,000, this sale will present an emporium of painting, photography, kitchenalia, posters and tableware. The extraordinary range of items will be available to view from 20 December 2013 through to 15 January 2014.

Nicolas Martineau, Head of Sale, commented: *"The Art of Food & Drink is the first auction of its kind, offering gourmet buyers a unique opportunity to indulge their passions for food and drink related items. The sale offers everything from still lifes by Old Masters to iconic posters advertising famous brands, fossilized crustaceans, early tea cannisters, Picasso ceramics and early recipe books. It will be a feast for the senses and with estimates starting at £400 is likely to appeal to a range of buyers including those new to Christie's, as well as established collectors. We are looking forward to welcoming buyers to our extended public exhibition, which runs for over three weeks from 20 December to 15 January."*



The top lot of the sale is *A Modern Cocktail Bar, 1931 – Saville Theatre, London*, an evocative painting by Alfred Reginald Thomson R.A, estimated to fetch between £40,000 and 60,000 (*illustrated above*). Better known as an official war artist to the Royal Air Force, Alfred Reginald Thomson also designed posters for a whisky company and was known for his portraiture and caricatures. This painting embodies the relaxed social atmosphere of theatregoers enjoying a drink during the interval at the Saville Theatre.



Other key items in the sale include a Campbell's tomato soup can signed by the iconic artist Andy Warhol, estimated at £1,500 – 2,000 (*illustrated left*). Warhol's name has become synonymous with Campbell's soup cans, which he used in numerous prints and art works, heralding the way for Pop Art during the 1960s. This real soup can signed by the artist, is a humorous take on the image with which he is so often associated.

AT THE GREEN GROCER



A French tole-peinte and ceramic novelty eight-branch chandelier
Estimate: £700 – 1,000



Rene Nourisson
Peaches in a Chinese blue and white porcelain bowl with black and white grapes, on a wooden table, 17th century
Estimate: £15,000 to £20,000



A Christian Dior earthenware bust
Estimate: £1,000 – 1,500

THE FISHMONGER



A Piero Fornasetti (1913-1988) lithographically printed and brass table lamp
circa 1950
Estimate: £2,000-3,000



A Piero Fornasetti (1913-1988) 'piscibus' trompe l'oeil ceramic plate, *circa* 1955
Estimate: £400 – 600



Specimens of fossilized scallops, Southern France from the Miocene (23-5 Mya)
Estimate - £2,000 – 3,000



A diamond and ruby-set novelty brooch
Estimate: £2,000-3,000

THE BUTCHER



An elm butcher's block
mid-20th century
Estimate: £800-1,200



An Austrian cold-painted bronze
model of a pig, *circa* 1900
Estimate: £1,500-2,000



A Butchers shop display,
late 20th century incorporating earlier
tools
Estimate: £800-1,200

THE WINE CELLAR



J. Stall (1874-1933)
Champagne Joseph Perrier
Estimate: £2,000 - 3,000



A French cast-iron wine corking press,
late 19th century
Estimate £700 - 1,000



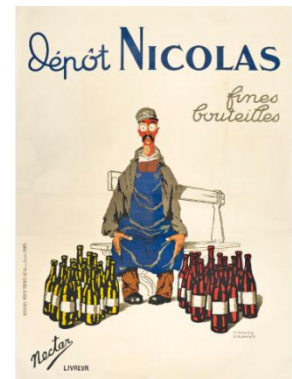
A set of three Hukin & Heath (est.
1855) silver and glass 'duck' decanters
with silver plated stand, 1901
Estimate £4,000 - 6,000



A large oak and brass banded 'grog
barrel', 20th century
Estimate: £4,000 - 6,000



A French mahogany and black-marble
champagne table, early 19th century
Estimate: £3,000 - 5,000



Report Jules Isnard Dransy (1883-1945)
Nicolas
Estimate: £10,000 - 15,000

AT THE TEAROOM & CAFE



Ten Early Victorian tole-peinte tea canisters,
circa 1840
Estimate: £7,000 - 10,000



Keith Haring (1958-1990)
Spirit of Art (Coffee Service)
Estimate: £2,000 - 3,000



Claes Oldenburg (b. 1929)
Profiterole
Estimate: £3,000 - 5,000



Estimate 6,000 - 9,000
An Italian chromium plated 'venus' espresso machine designed by Pier Teresi Arduino, *circa* 1910

FINE DINING



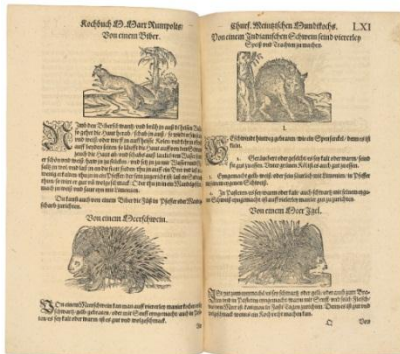
A Victorian silver-gilt mounted ruby cut-glass claret jug, mark of Elkington & Co. LTD., Birmingham, 1859
Estimate: £1,200 - 1,800



A fitted German picnic hamper
circa 1920's
Estimate: £2,000 - 3,000



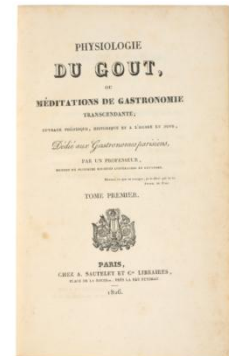
A pair of Asprey & Co. (est. 1781) silver salt and pepper shakers
1994
Estimate: £800 - 1,200



RUMPOLT, Marx. Ein new Kochbuch, 1604.
Estimate: £10,000 - 15,000



A set of six silver-plated 'bi-plane' place-card holders, 20th century
Estimate: £6,000 - 8,000



BRILLAT SAVARIN, Jean Anthelme
Physiologie du gout, ou méditations de gastronomie transcendante ... par un professeur.
Estimate: £3,500 - 4,500

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Public Exhibition:

Friday, 20 December 2013, 9am - 5pm
Monday, 23 December, 9am - 5pm
Tuesday, 24 December, 9am - 1pm
Thursday 2 January, 9am - 5pm
Friday, 3 January, 9am - 5pm
Saturday, 4 January, 11am - 5pm
Sunday, 5 January, 11am - 5pm
Monday, 6 January, 9am - 7:30pm
Tuesday, 7 January, 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 8 January, 9am - 5pm
Thursday 9 January, 9am - 5pm
Friday, 10 January, 9am - 5pm
Saturday, 11 January, 11am - 5pm
Sunday, 12 January, 11am - 5pm
Monday, 13 January, 9am - 7:30pm
Tuesday, 14 January, 9am - 5pm
Wednesday 15 January, 9am - 5pm

Auction:

The Art of Food & Drink
Thursday, 16 January
2:00pm

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.

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