

CHRISTIE'S

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JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS – A NEW WAY TO BUY UNIQUE GIFTS AT CHRISTIE'S

EXPLORE *CHRISTIE'S BUY OR BID* EDIT ...



South Kensington – Christie's announces a new approach to buying: *Christie's Buy or Bid*. This November, alongside the usual auction calendar, Christie's South Kensington presents a hand selected group of items that will be available to purchase at a fixed price for a fixed period. Shoppers have the opportunity to acquire their Christmas presents in the Old Brompton Road saleroom or online between 14 November and 3 December. Anything which is not snapped up during this initial period will go into the 9 December *Interiors* auction where they will be priced with auction estimates. To view highlights from the selection click [here](#).

Christie's Buy or Bid will showcase a unique and eclectic collection of 42 lots, handpicked by our specialists to make for personal presents or simply a new addition to the home. Fixed prices for the *Christie's Buy or Bid* selection start at £1,040, ranging up to £13,000, and items bought ahead of the auction can be specially gift-wrapped for buyers to take home ready for the holidays. The wide range of gifts includes everything from paintings and sculpture, to jewellery, to an Art Deco chromium plated coffee machine and a 1962 pinball machine.

Nic McElhatton, Chairman of Christie's South Kensington, said: “Christie's Buy or Bid *builds on the existing auction offerings at Christie's South Kensington and offers customers the quality, value and expertise for which Christie's is renowned. For the first time at Christie's, buyers can secure a handpicked item for a fixed price – they don't have to bid; they can walk in and walk out of Christie's with their purchase, or buy on our website. Outside the fixed timeframe to buy, shoppers have another opportunity to bid at the auction. Whether you are new to auction and want to secure a unique present for Christmas, or a regular at Christie's, come to Christie's South Kensington for coffee, to meet the specialists and explore the eclectic Christie's Buy or Bid selection.*”

CHRISTIE'S BUY OR BID HIGHLIGHTS



A Group of Papua New Guinea Chloromelanite Ceremonial Stone Adze Blades or Obligation Stones
Buy Purchase Price: £6,500
Bid Auction Estimate: £4,000-5,000



An Art Deco Chromium plated Coffee Machine by Victoria Arduino
Buy Purchase Price: £13,000
Bid Auction Estimate: £8,000-10,000



An Electro-Mechanical Star Jet Pinball Machine made by Bally, 1962
Buy Purchase Price: £10,400
Bid Auction Estimate: £6,000-8,000



An 18ct white gold and diamond 'Possession' ring, by Piaget
Buy Purchase Price: £3,900
Bid Auction Estimate: £2,500-£3,000



A pair of Tamil Nadu gold earrings, South India, 19th century
Buy Purchase Price: £3,250
Bid Auction Estimate: £2,000-2,500



A 'Tubogas' quartz wristwatch, by Bulgari
Buy Purchase Price: £5,200
Bid Auction Estimate: £3,000-£4,000



A Large Moroccan Ammonite from the cretaceous (145-65 MYA)
Buy Purchase Price: £2,080
Bid Auction Estimate: £1,200-1,600



A pair of fossilised giant deer or 'Irish elk' antlers
circa 10,500-5,700 B.C.
Buy Purchase Price: £10,400
Bid Auction Estimate: £6,000-8,000



A Swiss gilt-brass Atmos clock, Jaeger Lecoulte, Switzerland
 Second half 20th century
Buy Purchase Price: £1,040
Bid Auction Estimate: £500-800

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Images available on request

Notes to Editors

All items in the *Christie's Buy or Bid* selection will be marked in the saleroom and the 9 December *Interiors* auction catalogue with two prices:

- Purchase Price – this price is final and inclusive of VAT. Buyers can purchase lots in the *Christie's Buy or Bid* selection at a fixed price between 14 November and 3 December only.
- Auction estimate – for lots consigned for auction, Christie's provides a low and high estimate. This is a guideline for interested bidders. In addition to the hammer price, the buyer agrees to pay Christie's the buyer's premium together with any applicable value added tax. The buyer's premium is 25% of the first £50,000 of the hammer price on each lot.

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