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CHANCE TO BUY EARLY AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON WITH *CHRISTIE'S BUY OR BID* THIS SPRING



*Left and centre: a selection lots from the Christie's Buy or Bid edit
Right: Mary Portas at home*

South Kensington – Following the introduction of *Christie's Buy or Bid* in November 2014, Christie's South Kensington presents another opportunity to shop for elegant objects d'art and quirky curios for the home, for a fixed price and during a fixed period. Handpicked by our specialists and Mary Portas, 'Queen of Shops', the selection of 41 unique and unusual lots allows both existing clients and those who don't usually buy at auction to experience Christie's. Acquire something different for the home, with pieces to appeal to both antique and contemporary tastes. The range includes everything from clocks and lamps, to furniture, silver and porcelain with fixed prices starting at £1,560 and ranging up to £10,400.

This is a new retail experience at Christie's South Kensington, in addition to our regular auction schedule. From 3pm BST on 8 May until 3pm BST on 27 May shoppers can view and buy art, furniture and objects, both in the Old Brompton Road saleroom or via the website at www.christies.com/buyorbid. *Christie's Buy or Bid* offers clients the opportunity to buy at a fixed price, inclusive of charges and VAT. Any lots in the selection which are not purchased during this fixed period will be available to bid on in the *Interiors Style & Spirit* auction at Christie's South Kensington on 2 June where they will be priced with auction estimates. Christie's South Kensington is open 7 days a week for anyone to browse the selection and purchase from 8 May.

CHRISTIE'S BUY OR BID HIGHLIGHTS



An English mahogany RAF sector clock
Purchase Price: £7,800



A parcel-gilt silver pot pourri bowl
Purchase Price: £3,900



A pair of Japanese cloisonne enamel chargers,
20th century
Purchase Price: £5,200



A pair of French ormolu-mounted turquoise
ground porcelain lamps, late 19th century
Purchase Price: £2,700
Selected by Mary Portas



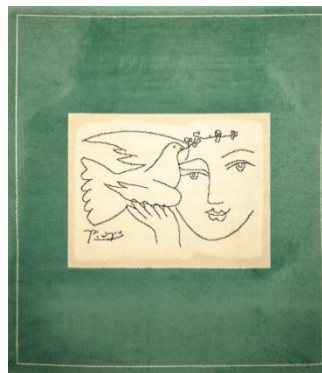
A brass-mounted, black, gilt and polychrome
Japanned cabinet on stand, of George I style,
late 19th/early 20th century
Purchase Price: £6,500



A pair of George III style carved giltwood
mirrors in the manner of John Linnell,
late 19th/early 20th century
Purchase Price: £6,500
Selected by Mary Portas



A pair of gilt-brass occasional tables,
late 20th century
Purchase Price: £2,340
Selected by Mary Portas



After Pablo Picasso, *Le Visage de la paix, vert*,
wool tapestry in colours
Purchase Price: £2,010
Selected by Mary Portas



Louis Sognot, a pair of chairs, designed 1928
Purchase Price: £5,200
Selected by Mary Portas

Read more about Mary's home [here](#).

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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 2-3 June *Christie's Interiors Style & Spirit* 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 8 and 27 May 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.

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 30,000 lots annually, estimates start from under £1,000. Interiors sales dedicated to home furnishings are held every month alongside sales of single-owner collections. Specialised sales for the avid collector are scheduled throughout the year according to category, and include Vintage Posters, Islamic Art, Jewellery, 20th Century British Art and Chinese Works of Art, amongst others. In 2014 25% of buyers in Christie's South Kensington's sales were new to Christie's and the saleroom welcomed registrants from over 100 countries.

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