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**British & Continental Watercolours
Wednesday 29 June, 10.30am & 2.00pm
Christie's South Kensington**

South Kensington is to auction a number of important works by Beatrix Potter in its sale of British and Continental Watercolours on Wednesday 29th June.

There are a total of twenty lots by the artist going under the hammer. Among these is a rare and complete set of 12 original watercolours on silk, depicting scenes from the Tale of Peter Rabbit. These have been held in private hands since they were given by Beatrix Potter to her friend Lady Vernon in gratitude for a stay at her home, Hanbury Hall, Worcestershire. The 12 Peter Rabbit watercolours are particularly significant as they are a complete set depicting some of the most iconic images from this highly popular and collectable artist. This is the first time ever that these particular items have been offered for sale at auction.

There has been nothing comparable to these works in the auction market for many years and they have already generated much interest. Not only are the paintings in excellent condition they are fine examples of the artist's work and should prove extremely popular in the sale room on Wednesday 29th

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