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CHRISTIE'S TO AUCTION LIMITED NUMBER OF CORONATION CHAIRS RAISING FUNDS FOR EMMAUS UK, SAFELIVES, THE PRINCE'S TRUST AND THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION



A total of six pairs of Coronation Chairs will be offered:
two pairs in London, New York and Paris on consecutive days in *The Collector*
(estimate per pair: London £2,000-4,000; New York \$3,000-5,000; Paris €2,000-4,000)

Global - In this Coronation year Christie's is honoured to announce the auction of six pairs of Coronation Chairs. The sale will raise funds for four charities chosen by Their Majesties; Emmaus UK, SafeLives, The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Foundation.

Specially commissioned by Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla, the Coronation Chairs seated members of the Royal Family and dignitaries on the occasion of the Coronation.

The upcoming auction of the Chairs will take place globally in *The Collector*, live online for bidding from 13 October, with the sales series closing on 3 November 2023. The proceeds from the sales of the Chairs will be divided equally between the four charities.

Designed and Created by the Rugby-based cabinetmaker N.E.J. Stevenson, in collaboration with The Snowdon School of Furniture, one hundred Coronation Chairs were made using sustainably-sourced British oak. Highlighting the significance and art of the craftspeople involved, many of the frames were made by six young graduates from The Snowdon School of Furniture.

The Upholstery of the 100 chairs was completed by the Royal Household Upholstery team in their workshops at Frogmore. These Chairs follow the long-held tradition of seats designed for each ceremony throughout the 20th-century.

The Coronation Chairs made for the 1902 Coronation of Edward VII show the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement. In 1911, for the Coronation of the George V, the Chairs were typically Edwardian with leather upholstery and in 1937, the Royal Cypher was embroidered into the backs against velvet for the Coronation of George VI. In 1953 for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the design was very similar to that used for her father, King George VI, once again featuring the Royal Cypher set against royal blue velvet.

The Collector is Christie's international online platform for Decorative Arts, occurring twice yearly in London, New York and Paris. *The Collector* sales series showcase important English, European and 19th century furniture and works of art, silver, ceramics, glass, clocks and gold boxes from the 16th to the 20th century, which highlight the enduring craftsmanship and beauty of exceptional works of art. Two pairs of chairs will be offered in London, New York and Paris on consecutive days in *The Collector* (estimate per pair: London £2,000-4,000; New York \$3,000-5,000; Paris €2,000-4,000).

After *The Collector* sales have taken place, additional Coronation Chairs will be offered via private sale, orchestrated by Christie's, also to raise funds for the named charities.

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Please see here for further information shared by The Royal Family; [Historic chairs to be reused for the Coronation | The Royal Family](#)

About Emmaus UK

Emmaus is a national charity supporting people out of homelessness across the UK. The charity provides a comprehensive and holistic approach, including a home for as long as it is needed, meaningful work in social enterprises, tailored support, and funded training. There are currently 30 Emmaus communities across the UK collectively supporting 850 individuals, known within Emmaus as companions. Additionally, there are three Emmaus groups actively working to establish new communities in their respective areas. Emmaus communities run social enterprises to fund its accommodation and support offer, with a total of 86 charity shops in the UK selling a range of pre-loved items. Emmaus's core mission is to empower individuals affected by homelessness and poverty, facilitating positive life changes.

About SafeLives

SafeLives is the UK-wide charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse, for everyone and for good.

They work with organisations across the UK to transform the response to domestic abuse. They want what you would want for your best friend. They listen to survivors, putting their voices at the heart of our thinking. They look at the whole picture for each individual and family to get the right help at the right time to make families everywhere safe and well. And they challenge perpetrators to change, asking 'why doesn't he stop?' rather than 'why doesn't she leave?' This applies whatever the gender of the victim or perpetrator and whatever the nature of their relationship.

Last year alone, 8,577 professionals received their training. Over 75,000 adults at risk of serious harm or murder and more than 95,000 children received support through dedicated multi-agency support designed by us and delivered with partners. In the last six years, almost 3,000 perpetrators have been challenged and supported to change by interventions we created with partners, and that's just the start.

About The Prince's Foundation

The Prince's Foundation provides holistic solutions to challenges facing the world today. It champions a sustainable approach to how we live our lives and build our communities, running a diverse programme of education and training for all ages and backgrounds and regenerating and caring for places where communities thrive and that visitors enjoy. The charity works nationally and internationally but at the heart of the organisation is the heritage-led regeneration of the Dumfries House estate and its wider community, where its principles and philosophies are explored and put into practice.

About the Prince's Trust

[The Prince's Trust Group](#) is a global network of charities founded by His Majesty The King. This includes The Prince's Trust in the UK, Prince's Trust International, Prince's Trust Aotearoa New Zealand, Prince's Trust Australia, Prince's Trust Canada, Prince's Trust USA and Prince's Trust Group Company. We are active in over 20 countries, both within the Commonwealth and beyond. In a rapidly changing world, we deliver education, employment, enterprise and environmental projects that enable young people and communities to thrive. Since its inception, The Prince's Trust has supported over one million young people. The Prince's Trust celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2026.

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