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THE COMPLETE COLLECTION OF ELIZABETH TAYLOR ACHIEVES \$183.5 MILLION/£117.2 MILLION/ €141 MILLION

EVERY ITEM IN COLLECTION OF OVER 1,800 LOTS SOLD

LONDON SALES OF THE FILM STAR'S FINE ART COLLECTION TOTAL
\$24.6 MILLION /£15.6 MILLION / €18.7 MILLION OVER TWO DAYS

TOP LOT OF THE COMPLETE COLLECTION - VAN GOGH'S 1889 MASTERPIECE
REALIZES \$16 MILLION (£10.1 MILLION)

30 ITEMS FETCH MORE THAN \$1 MILLION; 7 ITEMS MORE THAN \$5 MILLION



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London – The auctioneer's gavel fell on the last lot of the complete **Collection of Elizabeth Taylor** at Christie's London on February 8, bringing the grand total for sales of the film star's celebrated collection to US\$183,483,694 (£117,249,761/ €141,036,143). Every single one of the collection's 1,817 lots of fine art, jewelry, fashion, decorative arts and memorabilia were snapped up by eager bidders from around the world, often for five, ten or even 50 times their pre-sale estimate.

At Christie's two-day series of sales devoted to Impressionist and Modern Art on Tuesday and Wednesday, 38 works of art from Miss Taylor's personal collection were offered for sale, and achieved a combined total of £15,576,412 (\$24,628,618/ €18,712,116). Among the stand-out lots of Wednesday's sale was Kees Van Dongen's charming *Promenade à cheval* – a gift from her father, the art dealer Francis Taylor – which sold for £601,250 (\$955,988/€719,095), well above its £120,000 estimate. A group of 13 works by the modern British artist Augustus John also performed well as a whole, realizing a combined total of £192,825 (\$306,592/€230,619), against an estimate of £152,000 for the group.

The top lot of the two-day series – and of the complete collection – was Vincent Van Gogh's *Vue de l'asile et de la Chapelle de Saint-Rémy*, which sold for £10,121,250 (\$15,991,575 /€12,165,743) on Tuesday evening. Up until her death in March of 2011, the Van Gogh and many other paintings featured in the sales had been displayed on the walls of Miss Taylor's home in Bel Air, CA.

As one of the most highly-anticipated sales in auction history, The Collection of Elizabeth Taylor generated intense interest from bidders throughout the world, with more than 40 different countries represented throughout the sales series. In December 2011, Christie's New York sold Miss Taylor's exquisite collections of jewelry, fashion, decorative arts and memorabilia in a four-day marathon auction series that totaled \$156.8 million and set a world record for the most valuable sale of jewelry in auction history, and set a new bar for the most valuable collection of fashion ever offered at auction.

It also marked the company's first-ever Online-Only sale, which ran in parallel to the live auctions at Christie's New York and generated over 57,000 bids and \$9.5 million in additional sales. In total, 30 items from the collection sold for over the \$1 million mark, 7 items sold above the \$5 million mark, and numerous new world auction records were achieved – a testament to Miss Taylor's expert eye for craftsmanship, rarity, and quality in all of the items she chose for her personal collection.

Marc Porter, Chairman, Christie's Americas commented, *"It has been an incredible honor for Christie's to present this storied collection to the global collecting community. From our initial announcement of the collection sales last summer in New York, to the worldwide tour of the collection highlights last fall, to the last rap of the auctioneer's gavel today in London, the global outpouring of affection and admiration for Elizabeth Taylor from fans and collectors alike has been amazing for us to witness. We are grateful to the trustees of her estate for entrusting Christie's with this one-of-a-kind collection, which will go down in history as one of the most successful private collection sales ever presented at auction."*

SALES SUMMARIES

The Collection of Elizabeth Taylor



Impressionist and Modern Art
Christie's London
February 7&8, 2012
2-Day Sales Total: £15,576,412 (\$24,628,618)

Please find the complete results and Top Ten report for the Evening Sale of the Collection here:
<http://www.christies.com/about/press-center/releases/pressrelease.aspx?pressreleaseid=5363>



Old Master Paintings
Christie's New York
January 25, 2012
Total: \$2,098,500

Please find detailed results for Frans Hals' *Portrait of a gentleman* from the collection here:
<http://www.christies.com/about/press-center/releases/pressrelease.aspx?pressreleaseid=5344>



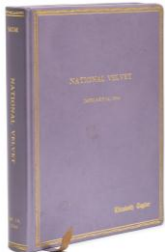
The Legendary Jewels
Christie's New York
December 13 & 14, 2011
Jewelry Sales Total: \$137,235,575

Please find the complete results and Top Ten report for the Jewelry portion of the Collection here:
<http://www.christies.com/about/press-center/releases/pressrelease.aspx?pressreleaseid=5294>



Haute Couture, Fashion & Accessories
Christie's New York
December 14 & 15, 2011
Fashion Sales Total: \$5,541,913

Please find the complete results and Top Ten report for the Fashion portion of the Collection here:
<http://www.christies.com/about/presscenter/releases/pressrelease.aspx?pressreleaseid=5298>



Fine and Decorative Arts & Film Memorabilia, Including Costumes
Christie's New York
December 16, 2011
Decorative Arts & Memorabilia Total: \$4,441,188

Please find the Top Ten report for the *Fine and Decorative Arts & Film Memorabilia* portion of the Collection here:
<http://www.christies.com/about/press-center/releases/pressrelease.aspx?pressreleaseid=5299>



The Online-Only Sale
Christie's New York
December 3-17, 2011
Online-Only Sales Total: \$9,537,900

Please find the Top Ten report for the Online-Only portion of the Collection here:
<http://www.christies.com/about/press-center/releases/pressrelease.aspx?pressreleaseid=5300>

Note to editors:

A selection of publications and catalogues related to the Collection of Elizabeth Taylor are still available for purchase at <http://www.christies.com/elizabethtaylor/catalogues.aspx>, including the Deluxe Limited Edition set that pairs Elizabeth Taylor's 2002 book, *My Love Affair with Jewelry* with Christie's auction catalogue for *The Legendary Jewels, Evening Sale*. All profits from the sale of this \$600 Limited Edition Set will go to [The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation](#).

A series of videos from the historic auctions of The Collection of Elizabeth Taylor and a series of blog reports filed by Meredith Etherington-Smith, editor of Christie's Magazine, are available for viewing at http://www.christies.com/elizabethtaylor/special_features.aspx

Images and videos are available upon request

About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in 2011 that totaled £3.6 billion/\$5.7 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War and Contemporary, Impressionist and Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery. Private sales totaled £502 million / \$808.6m in 2011, an increase of 44% on the previous year.

Christie's has a global presence with 53 offices in 32 countries and 10 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, and Hong Kong. More recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in emerging and new markets such as Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

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