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CHRISTIE'S

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SCULPTURE BY THE VERY BEST EMERGING 3D ARTISTS AT CHRISTIE'S THIS SUMMER



South Kensington – Christie's and the Royal British Society of Sculptors are delighted to announce a special summer exhibition 'I ♥ 3D', which will be held at Christie's South Kensington from 1 August through to 20 August 2012. Open to the public and free to attend, this unique exhibition on Old Brompton Road will showcase the diversity of contemporary sculptural practice with works by some of the Society's most exciting early career artists.

The exhibition is an incredible opportunity for emerging artists to participate in a high profile group show and engage new audiences with their practice; several new pieces will be on display. Additionally a prize of £3,000, generously donated by City Financial, will be awarded for excellence to one participating artist on the opening night of the exhibition.

Terry New, previously of the Royal Academy and recently elected President of the Royal British Society of Sculptors commented, *"We are excited to be working with Christie's on such a fitting celebration of sculpture, and hope that many of the visitors to South Kensington's popular museum district will appreciate this special exhibition."*

Nic McElhatton, Chairman, Christie's South Kensington added, *"Fittingly, I ♥ 3D will be on exhibition at the heart of Christie's South Kensington, in the 'hangar' space. We are proud to be collaborating with the Royal British Society of Sculptors to showcase works by emerging contemporary talent in this magnificent exhibition space. During Summer 2012, our rooms will also be celebrating all things British, with Christie's 'My London' themed auction also on preview, showcasing British art and icons synonymous with the capital over the last few centuries."*

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High resolution images and further information will be available in June

Notes to Editors:

Private Launch Event and Award Ceremony:
31 July 2012

Public Exhibition:
Wednesday, 1 August – Monday, 20 August 2012
Mon: 9am – 7.30pm; Tues – Fri: 9am – 5pm;
Sat & Sun: 11am – 5pm

Royal British Society of Sculptors



The oldest and largest organisation dedicated to sculpture in the UK, the Royal British Society of Sculptors was established in 1905 as a not-for-profit company. With a membership of 500 + professional sculptors, and a registered charity, the independent artist led organization promotes high professional and creative standards among sculptors/artists and is committed to making the full range of contemporary practice accessible to all. Committed to the pursuit of excellence in the art form, the Society aims to inspire, inform and engage people with sculpture/three dimensional art. Sculptors are supported by a bursary scheme for newly emergent sculptors, and through professional development seminars, a mentoring scheme and a growing number of awards and residencies. www.rbs.org.uk

The RBS is grateful to acknowledge the generous support of City Financial and The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

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 20,000 lots annually, estimates start from £300. Interiors sales dedicated to home furnishings are held three times a month alongside regular Sunday sales of single-owner collections. Specialised sales for the avid collector are scheduled throughout the year according to category, and include Film Posters, Pop Memorabilia, Antiquities, Jewellery, 20th Century British Art and Chinese Works of Art, among others. In 2011 Christie's South Kensington realised the highest ever total for the second successive year with sales of £115.9 million / \$186.6 million.

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 growth markets such as Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

**Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, financing fees or application of buyer's or seller's credits.*

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