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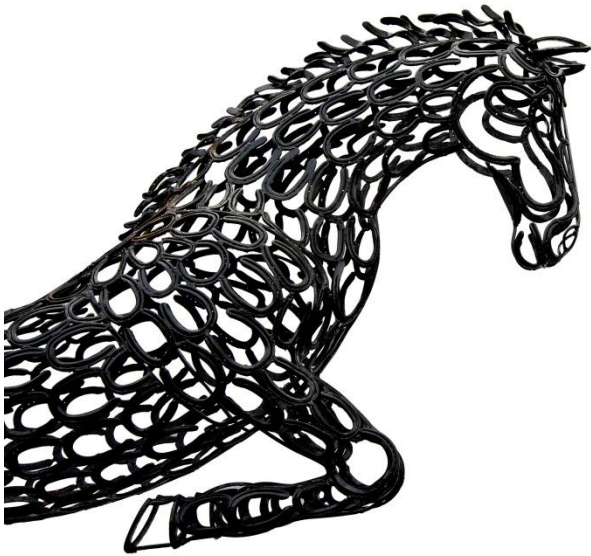
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The Ultimate Equestrian Olympic Memorabilia

A pair of life-size horse sculptures displayed at the London 2012 Olympic Games
to be auctioned at Christie's



South Kensington, London – Providing Olympic fans and equestrian enthusiasts with the ultimate memorabilia collecting opportunity, Christie's is pleased to announce that a pair of life-size models of jumping horses by sculptor Tom Hill, displayed at the London 2012 Olympic Games, will be offered at auction. Sold as a pair *illustrated above*, the horses are expected to fetch between £50,000 and £80,000 on 20 November 2012. The sculptures feature within Christie's November *Interiors – Style & Spirit* auction, a regular sale format presenting connoisseurs, interiors designers and private collectors with the chance to buy wonderfully quirky, interesting and decorative objects for the home – from carpets, to lighting, furniture, pictures and decorative pieces.



Tom Hill's *Jumping Horses* are formed of between 500-600 reclaimed horseshoes each, and took around three months to create. Standing at over 3 metres high and weighing 300kg each, they featured beside the final fence, *Obstacle Number 28*, in the cross-country Equestrian Eventing at the London 2012 Olympic Games in Greenwich Park. After the eventing the horses were moved to the front of the Queen's House in Greenwich Park for the remainder of the Olympics.

Since the Olympics the horses have been exhibited at *Burghley Horse Trials* and will also be on preview exhibition at *Ascot Racecourse* for *QIPCO British Champions Day* on 20 October 2012. The full content of the auction will be on exhibition at Christie's South Kensington 17-20 November.

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The complete eCatalogue will be available to view online from late October 2012 at www.christies.com/calendar

Preview: Ascot Racecourse, Ascot, Berkshire SL5 7JX
QIPCO British Champions Day
Saturday, 20 October 2012

Auction: Christie's South Kensington, London, SW7 3LD
Interiors: Style & Spirit
Tuesday, 20 November 2012 at 10am

Full Sale Exhibition: Christie's South Kensington

Saturday, 17 November: 11.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday, 18 November: 11.00am – 5.00pm
Monday, 19 November: 9.00am – 7.30pm
Tuesday, 20 November: 9.00am – 10.00am

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 the first half of 2012 that totaled £2.2 billion/\$3.5 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 £413.4 million / \$661.5 million in the first half of 2012, an increase of 53% 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.

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