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**GAIN INSIDER ACCESS TO ART BASEL, THE WORLD'S
LEADING ART FAIR, WITH CHRISTIE'S EDUCATION**

**DIRECTOR OF STUDIES VERONIQUE CHAGNON-BURKE WILL
LEAD BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR OF ART BASEL, JUNE 9-14**



Christie's Education Art Basel Trip: June 9 – 14, 2012

New York – Navigating the 300 galleries and 2,500 artists at Art Basel can be a challenge, even for experienced art collectors. Christie's Education New York is offering an exclusive trip to Basel, Switzerland, June 9 – 14, for a behind-the-scenes, guided tour of the world's most prestigious contemporary art fair. Led by Christie's Education Director of Studies, Véronique Chagnon-Burke, this thoughtfully curated six-day trip includes access to the opening Vernissage event for Art Basel 43 and Liste 17, the companion art fair of newer galleries and artists under age 40, as well as private tours of other galleries and museums around Basel and Zurich, such as the Fondation Beyeler and the Haus Konstruktiv Museum.

Boutique hotel accommodations, transportation within Switzerland, admission fees and most meals are included in the \$8,500 trip fee (airfare is excluded). Space is limited to 15

participants to ensure a private, behind-the-scenes experience directed by one of the art world's leading scholars.

Dr. Chagnon-Burke is not only the director of studies for Christie's Education New York, she is a widely published scholar and lecturer in a range of topics in the art field, including the history of the art market, modern art, 19th and 20th century French art, and women artists, at Christie's Education New York. She is also a visiting professor at the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing, where she teaches graduate classes in the history of the art market.

Trip Highlights

- Exclusive entrance to the opening Vernissage of Art Basel 43 and Liste 17 – the young art fair.
- Special arrangements to visit Art Basel: Guests will attend the “invitation only” day of the art fair.
- A visit to Haus Konstruktiv Museum in Zurich, including a guided tour with the museum director.
- Attendance at a VIP cocktail party and viewing of the newly opened Löwenbräu Gallery and Museum in Zurich.
- A visit to the Fondation Beyeler to view works by Giacometti, Rothko and Lichtenstein, along with an exhibition of works by Jeff Koons.
- Private tours of museums and galleries around Basel and Zurich including:
 - Art and the City, Zurich's 1st sculpture biennale
 - VIP tour of Liste 17, The Young Art Fair
 - Kunstmuseum Basel, Hilary Lloyd exhibition tour
 - Museum Tinguely, Vladimir Tatlin exhibition tour.

To register or to learn more about the trip, please contact Christie's Education at (212) 355-1501 or christieseducation@christies.edu.

About Art Basel

Art 43 Basel takes place June 14 – 17, 2012. The world's premier international art show for Modern and contemporary works, Art Basel features nearly 300 leading galleries from North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa. More than 2,500 artists, ranging from the great masters of Modern art to the latest generation of emerging stars, are represented in the show's multiple sections. The exhibition includes the highest-quality paintings, sculptures, drawings, installations, photographs, video and editioned works. Last year, 65,000 people attended Art 42 Basel, including art collectors, art dealers, artists, curators and other art enthusiasts.

About Christie's Education

Christie's Education New York has been designated as a degree-granting institution by the New York State Board of Regents. The full-time Graduate Program in Modern Art, Connoisseurship, and the History of the Art Market is registered with the New York State Education Department. Teaching methods are based on investigating works of art in order to train through direct exposure to art-world practice. Christie's Education short courses are non-degree programs, run in conjunction with Christie's auction house, that address a wide variety of topics. These courses have the same standards

as full-time programs, but are designed in various formats including full-day master classes, evening lecture series, and study trips away from New York.

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.

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