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CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

THIS DECEMBER AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON



South Kensington – This December, Christie's presents *Creatures Great and Small*, a themed auction that celebrates the animal as artistic inspiration, from domestic pets to the rare, unusual and even the mythical. The sale at Christie's South Kensington on 17 December 2014 explores a multitude of animals across a diverse range of mediums and styles, from intricate carving details in 19th century furniture through to contemporary sculpture. Taking a tour across the breadth of the animal kingdom – from the farm and woodland, to the sea and the sky, to the jungle and even the arctic tundra – *Creatures Great and Small* features something for all animal lovers. Estimates range from £400 up to £80,000.

Leading the sale is a larger than life-size *Silver Back* by Turner Prize nominated artist David Mach (estimate: £60,000-80,000, *illustrated above right*). This two-meter tall gorilla is the third of an edition of three, the first of which holds the Guinness World Record for the largest art installation made entirely from coat hangers. Further contemporary highlights include Graham Sutherland's *Owl* (estimate: £8,000-12,000; *illustrated right*) and a bronze peacock by sculptor Geoffrey Dashwood (estimate: £15,000-25,000, *illustrated page two*). Land and sea creatures are represented in furniture, from a leather upholstered cocktail cabinet in the form of an elephant (estimate: £3,000-5,000, *illustrated above left*) through to an impressive North European carved beech wood dining suite, with the back of each of the eight chairs featuring various animals (estimate: £8,000-12,000, *illustrated page two*).



HIGHLIGHTS



A large bronze model of a peacock, by Geoffrey Dashwood
Estimate: £15,000-25,000



A life-size metalwork model of a lioness
circa 2011, designed by Martin Waller of Andrew Martin
Estimate: £3,000-5,000



Two leather stools modelled as pugs
Second half 20th century, possibly retailed by Liberty
Estimate: £800-1,200



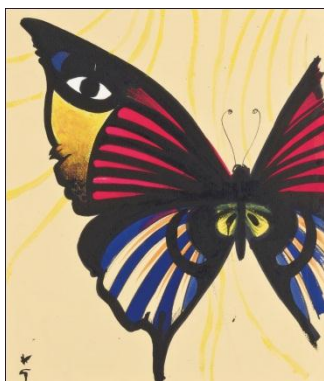
Mark Stoddart, 'Mother & Baby Hippo'
occasional table, 2000
Estimate: £3,000-4,000



Natura Harmona and *Natura Garula*, one of a pair
illustrated
Spanish School, late 17th century
Estimate: £40,000-60,000



A North European carved beech wood dining suite
Second half 20th century
Estimate: £8,000-12,000



Rene Gruau, *Butterfly*
Estimate: £4,000-6,000



Peter Barrett (b. 1935), *African Jungle: Night and Day — Two Diptychs*
Estimate: £1,000-1,500

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13 to 16 December 2014

Auction:
Creatures Great and Small, 17 December 2014 at 1:00 pm, South Kensington