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CHRISTIE'S TO OFFER PRADA GOWN WORN BY MICHELLE DOCKERY AT 2013 EMMY AWARDS SOLD TO BENEFIT OXFAM

GOWN DONATED BY DOWNTON ABBEY STAR
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SYRIA CRISIS
WILL BE OFFERED IN THE *POP CULTURE* SALE ON 20 JUNE 2014



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South Kensington, London - Christie's is proud to offer the Prada gown worn by Michelle Dockery to the 2013 Emmy Awards in the *Pop Culture* sale on 20 June 2014 with all proceeds benefitting Oxfam. The gown has been donated by the *Downton Abbey* star to raise funds for the Syria Crisis and is expected to realise between £3,000 and £5,000.

Caitlin Graham, Associate Specialist, Popular Culture, Christie's South Kensington: *"We are thrilled to be selling this striking Prada ensemble, generously donated by Michelle Dockery to benefit such a good cause. The global popularity of Downton Abbey will make this gown extremely sought-after, and we expect much interest from around the world."*

Last year Michelle travelled with Oxfam to meet families, now living as refugees in Jordan, who had fled their homes in Syria as a result of the devastating conflict. Since the fighting began in March 2011, more than 100,000 people have been killed and 9.3 million have been left in need of humanitarian assistance. This includes more than 2.6 million refugees - half of them children - who have fled into neighbouring countries, and 6.5 million people displaced within Syria itself.

Michelle Dockery comments: *“During my trip with Oxfam I met families who had to flee their homes with just the clothes on their back, unsure of when this crisis will end, when they will go home or be reunited with loved ones. Their stories are heartbreaking but I was humbled by their amazing capacity to get on, and stay strong in spite of their situation. I have not forgotten the people I met, and I want to continue to support in any way I can. I hope that the buyer of this dress will get as much pleasure from it as I did when I wore it to the Emmy Awards and that we can raise as much money as possible to support Syrian people.”*

This two-tone ensemble by Prada was worn by Michelle Dockery to the 65th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre, Los Angeles, 22 September 2013 where Michelle Dockery was nominated for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for her role as Lady Mary Crawley in the ITV drama series Downton Abbey.

Oxfam Chief Executive Mark Goldring comments: *“Millions of Syrian people are struggling to afford the basics they need to survive. Since the crisis began three years ago, Oxfam has helped more than one million people with desperately-needed cash, water and emergency supplies but the scale of the crisis is huge and we still need people’s help. We are so grateful to Michelle for her unwavering support for Oxfam’s appeal. The money raised from this auction will help provide clean water and emergency support to people in Syria and refugees in neighbouring countries.”*

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Tuesday, 17 June 2014: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, 18 June 2014: 9:00am – 5:00pm
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Friday, 20 June 2014: 9:00am – 11:00am

Auction:

Pop Culture
Friday, 20 June 2014

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