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MRS THATCHER PART III

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London – Christie's will offer *Mrs Thatcher, Part III*, an online sale which will be open for bidding between 2 and 9 May 2019. Coinciding with the 40th anniversary of Margaret Thatcher's historic election as the United Kingdom's first female Prime Minister (1979-1990), this constitutes the third and final part in a trilogy of auctions held as part of the arrangements following the death of Mrs Thatcher in 2013. Comprising 170 lots, spanning items relating to Mrs Thatcher's time in office, personal possessions, her 'uniform' jewellery, clothes and handbags, estimates range from £100 to £15,000. The sale is now available to view online in full: www.christies.com/mrsthatcher.

The sales began in 2015 when *Part I* and *Part II* attracted a global audience, selling 100% and totalling £4,516,038/ \$6,831,487/ €6,189,443. *Part III* will provide further public and private insights into the trajectory of a political titan, presenting unique opportunities, across price levels, for collectors around the world to acquire property from the longest serving Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in the 20th century.

Adrian Hume-Sayer, Director, Specialist, Private Collections: *"The market's response to the historic sales in 2015 - both the online sale and the traditional live auction - was remarkable, with the overall result for The Mrs Thatcher Collection Part I and II far exceeding pre-sale expectations. Clients from all over the world seized the opportunity to acquire items which gave insights into the life of Britain's first female Prime Minister, who was a political giant on the world stage. In May 2019, Christie's third and final sale in this trilogy of auctions coincides with the 40th anniversary of Mrs Thatcher's historic election, offering collectors, admirers and enthusiasts with one last chance to bid for a memento of 'The Iron Lady'."*

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Evocative lots of note include her 'uniform' jewellery, comprising a hardstone bracelet and amethyst ring (depicted on page 1 and below), gifts from her husband, Denis, which were always worn alongside a pearl necklace. The ring or bracelet were worn for almost all occasions, from the day Mrs Thatcher entered Number 10 Downing Street in May 1979, to her historic meetings with global figures - including Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan and Nelson Mandela – and beyond.



A hardstone-mounted gold bracelet of vari-shaped cabochons
Estimate: £2,000-3,000
A gift from her beloved husband Denis, this was part of Mrs Thatcher's 'uniform' jewellery



An 18-carat gold and amethyst ring, London import mark, 1968 ring size M½
Estimate: £1,200-1,800
This was also part of Mrs Thatcher's 'uniform' jewellery



A Victorian silver-plated snuff-box
Estimate: £200-300



A sapphire, diamond and cultured pearl necklace
Circular-cut sapphires, rose-cut diamonds, cultured pearls of approximately 8.0-7.5mm, 44cm
Estimate: £600-800



A diamond-set gilt Cartier pen, 1980s, signed Cartier, numbered, in red Cartier box
Estimate: £300-500



Margaret Thatcher's 'House of Commons' desk blotter, sold with a silver letter opener, with the arms of the Worshipful Company of Grocers; a bound copy of Parliamentary Debates, vol. 1000; a ball-point pen; three note cards and a printed menu
£800-1,200
The blotter sat on Mrs Thatcher's desk in her Chester Square study until the end of her life



A Library Globe, George Philip & Son, London, 1988, overall height 41.1/2 in. (108 cm.)
Estimate: £1,500-2,500
This stood in Mrs Thatcher's office, the sale also includes a portrait of Mrs Thatcher with the globe



Henry Moore (1898-1986), *Head of a Woman* soft-ground, inscribed I/X For/Margaret Thatcher, etching, 1981
Estimate: £800-1,200
A great fan of Moore, Mrs Thatcher hung this work over the mantel in the drawing room of her private apartment at No. 10



A Vienna porcelain tea-service
Last quarter 20th century, printed factory marks, blue painted numerals
The teapot - 8 in. (21 cm.) high
Estimate: £1,200-1,800
Mrs Thatcher's interest in porcelain is well known and this service is part of a group of treasured porcelain, which she bought for herself



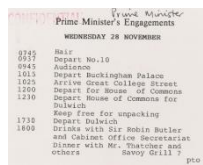
A pair of George V silver napkin rings, 1925, one engraved 'Denis 10.5.1915' and the other 'Margaret 13.10.1925',
Estimate: £200-300
One of a large number of engraved silver objects in the sale



Two evening ensembles by Camilla Milton, early 2000s
Estimate: £1,000-1,500
The blue outfit was worn to the dinner at 10 Downing Street to celebrate the HM Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee, attended by the Queen and all surviving Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom; Mrs Thatcher wore the gold ensemble to the unveiling of her statue in the House of Commons



Portrait by Eiichiro Sakata, taken during a visit to Japan, signed and dated in pencil; dedicated 'For Mrs. Thatcher 'Sakata' Nov 21, 91' ink
Estimate: £1,000-1,500
Hung in her office, Mrs Thatcher is known to have favoured this likeness and once remarked 'this is how I would like to be remembered'



Printed list of Prime Minister's Engagements from Mrs Thatcher's final day in office
Estimate: £400-600
This would almost certainly have been carried in Margaret Thatcher's handbag throughout the day.



Autograph speech notes, prepared for a speech at a dinner given in honour of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan by Lodwick Cook, chairman of the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), Claridge's, 5 December 1990, Mrs Thatcher's speech pays tribute to Reagan
Estimate: £700-1,000



A lizard handbag, with gold-tone hardware
Estimate: £800-1,200
Mrs Thatcher was rarely seen without one of her signature handbags.

The sale continues Christie's history of offering the property of notable figures spanning royalty, the arts, culture and politics for over 250 years, since 1766, including the landmark sale James Christie himself negotiated of the magnificent art collection of Great Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole to Catherine the Great in 1779.

For more information, read Christie's Content article on the sale: https://www.christies.com/features/Antenna-Margaret-Thatchers-wardrobe-secrets-9789-1.aspx?sc_lang=en

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Notes to Editors

2015 Margaret Thatcher Sales:

	Lots	% sold	Amount realised
Online-only Sale 3-16 December	233	100%	£1,235,563/\$1,858,287/€1,695,192
Auction, 15 December, London	185	100%	£3,280,475/ \$4,973,200/€4,494,251
		Total	£4,516,038/ \$6,831,487/€6,189,443

The auction at Christie's headquarters on 15 December 2015 was the most popular London auction for registered bidders using Christie's LIVE™ in the previous 4 years to that date. 42% of online registered bidders for this auction were new to Christie's, with a total of 1,472 accepted internet bids.

The overall top lot from the sales in 2015, was from the live auction on 15 December:

A Kaiser biscuit model of an American bald eagle, 1980s, by Gerd Pitterkoff. This lot was awarded to Margaret Thatcher 'with best wishes from Ronald Reagan' in 1984. It sold to an online bidder using Christie's LIVE™ during the 15 December auction, after just over 6 minutes of competitive bidding, following a battle between 4 bidders in the room, 6 telephone bidders and 3 online bidders using Christie's LIVE™, for £266,500/ \$404,014/ €365,105 (estimate: £5,000-8,000). Please see the separate top ten for the top ten lots of the 15 December auction.

The top lot of the 2015 Online sale:

A single-row cultured pearl necklace which sold for £62,500/ \$94,000/ €85,750 (estimate: £500-800). Margaret Thatcher was rarely seen without a string of pearls which became her trademark. Please see the separate top ten for the top ten lots of the Online-Only Sale (3-16 December).

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Alongside regular sales online, Christie's has a global presence in 46 countries, with 10 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

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