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VIEWINGS

HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE, Athens: 22nd to 24th of November
THE HELLENIC CENTRE, London: 28th to 30th of November
CYPRIA, Nicosia: 5th to 10th of December

Cypria was launched in 2006 and has held highly successful auctions to date, attaining record prices for artists such as Nikiforos Lytras, Polykleitos Rengos, Christoforos Savva, Ioannis Kissonergis, Paul Georgiou and Victor Ioannides to name a few.

Cypria is not only a pioneer in showcasing Cypriot works of art, which are of significant artistic value, but is also committed to introducing the finest of works by Greek artists. With art now increasingly being considered a serious investment, Cypria active in Nicosia, Athens and London, remains focused on continuing to highlight important works.

The sale includes excellent examples of 19th and 20th Century Greek and Cypriot art. Most of the works come from private collections, and are characterised by each collectors' passion, fine taste and knowledge of art.

The auction boasts some of the finest names in Greek art. The works include a superb painting by Nikos Engonopoulos, a fine work from 1969 by Alecos Condopoulos, a beautiful landscape and a rare early portrait by Konstantinos Maleas, a Vassilis Photopoulos study created for the theatrical play Nikiforos Fokas, a pair of royal portraits of Constantine I and his wife Sophia by George Samartzis, a beautiful seascape by Vassilis Chatzis. From the 1950s we have works by Thomopoulos, Cosmadopoulos, Romanides and Calliyannis.

Lots to be noted are three unique items of gold jewellery by world renowned jewellery designer Lisa Sitilis who was once internationally represented by the iconic art dealer, the late Alexander Iolas.

Additionally four works by the 1940's war artist Alexandros Alexandrakis are offered, a large painting by Kyriakos Kantzourakis and a superb unique sculpture by Costas Coulentianos.

The most significant works by Cypriot artists being sold include a rare and unusual relief sculpture by Christoforos Savva made of painted cement, as well as a fine coffee table. Two early works from 1968 by Stelios Votsis, two beautiful paintings by Costas Ioakim, one from 1968, the second from 1972, an early work by Rhea Bay from 1972, two works by Katy Stephanides, one from 1974, the second from 1991. The auction will also include works by Michael Kkashialos: Two sandstone carvings, an early oil on board, and a mixed media on glass depicting *Gregorios Afxentiou*.

The directors have over thirty years of experience and through their expertise, carefully evaluate the works being brought to the auction market in a dedicated, specialist environment. The success of Cypria can be demonstrated by the attainment of world record sale results that far exceeded all expectations. Of particular note was the sale of the fabulous Iacovos Georgiades collection that surpassed all previous achievements.

Cypria's reputation has been well established in the art market and the company's directors are regularly consulted in their area of expertise by the likes of Christies, London, major cultural foundations, art collectors and insurance companies. The National Gallery, London also directs people to Cypria for expert advice on Greek art.

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