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BONHAMS AND THE WALLACE COLLECTION ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP





Left: A painting from The Classics at Bonhams: A talk on *Representations of Dogs in the Classics*, July 4. Right: The Great Gallery at The Wallace Collection © The Trustees of the Wallace Collection.

London – The international auction house Bonhams has signed a three-year partnership with the world-famous Wallace Collection. The two organisations have long and distinguished histories and the partnership builds on their existing strong relationship and commitment to the fine and decorative arts.

Among other initiatives, Bonhams and the Wallace Collection will host joint events to coincide with the auction house's biannual series of Classic Sales and Bonhams will be sponsoring the Wallace Collection's *Seminars in the History of Collecting* series, under the heading *History of Collecting: Supported by Bonhams*.

Nette Megens, Bonhams Director Decorative Arts, Europe and UK, said: "The Wallace Collection is an outstanding and much-admired institution. It combines accessibility, love of the arts and academic excellence – qualities which we at Bonhams share. We are

delighted to be joining the Wallace Collection's distinguished list of partners and to be working together to secure the future of the decorative art for the next generation."

Sarah Harmer, Director of Development at the Wallace Collection, said: "We are thrilled to be partnering with Bonhams, which has shown its commitment to this key area of research at the Collection by sponsoring our seminar series. The History of Collecting series at the Wallace Collection takes place once a month and offers a completely free resource for anyone interested in learning more about this fascinating and diverse field. We know the seminars will continue to thrive and reach new audiences with the support of Bonhams."

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Bonhams, founded in 1793, is one of the world's largest and most renowned auctioneers, offering fine art and collectables, collectors' cars and a luxury division, which includes jewellery, designer fashion, watches, wine, and whisky. In 2021 and 2022, Bonhams made a number of important acquisitions which form the wider Bonhams network. These include: Bukowskis, Bruun Rasmussen, Bonhams Skinner, Bonhams Cornette de Saint Cyr and The Market by Bonhams.

There are 14 salerooms around the globe: **UK:** New Bond Street, London; Knightsbridge, London; Edinburgh. **US:** New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Marlborough. **Hong Kong:** Admiralty. **France:** Avenue Hoche, Paris; Rue de la Paix, Paris. **Belgium:** Brussels; **Denmark:** Copenhagen. **Sweden:** Stockholm and **Australia:** Sydney.

With a worldwide network of offices and regional representatives in 30 countries, Bonhams offers advice and valuation services in 60+ specialist areas.

In 2022, Bonhams held a number of important auctions and offered landmark single-owner collections, including the white glove sales of Sir Michael Caine: The Personal Collection, Sir Terence Conran: The Contents of Barton Court, Personal Property of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and The Robert & Jean-Pierre Rousset Collection of Asian Art: A Century of Collecting. Other notable single-owner sales included Style and Substance: The Collection of George and Charlotte Shultz and The Claude de Marteau Collection.

Top lots for 2022 included a 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder (Sold for US\$4,185,000), a pair of blue and white octagonal candlesticks (Sold for HK\$30,453,00/ US\$3,911,913), *La femme en rouge au fond bleu* by Chaïm Soutine (Sold for £1,842,300/ US\$2,236,940), and a rare emerald and diamond Cartier bracelet (Sold for US\$3,240,375).

More information and highlights can be found HERE

For a full list of forthcoming auctions, plus details of Bonhams specialist departments, please visit bonhams.com

The Bonhams Network

Bukowskis

Established in 1870, Bukowskis offers fine art and collectables from its saleroom in Stockholm as well as online. In 2021, it sold 11 of the 15 most valuable artworks in the Swedish market – achieving the highest price for a Swedish artwork ever sold at auction – while their innovative digital presence attracts more than one million users every month.

Bruun Rasmussen

From its Copenhagen saleroom and online, Bruun Rasmussen sells more than 75,000 lots each year across categories from furniture, paintings and modern design to silver, wine and collector's items such as books, arms and armour, stamps and coins.

Bonhams Skinner

Renowned New England auction house Bonhams Skinner holds some 80 auctions a year in 20 collecting categories – including Americana, fine art, collectables and wine, and ranging from fine violins to contemporary paintings – at its salerooms in Boston and Marlborough, Massachusetts, as well as on its highly effective digital platform for online sales.

Bonhams Cornette de Saint Cyr

Established in 1973, Bonhams Cornette de Saint Cyr is famous throughout the auction world for its high-profile single-owner sales. With salerooms in Paris and Brussels, it holds auctions in more than a dozen categories, including fine art, haute couture, Asian art, collectable cars, jewellery, watches and more.

The Market by Bonhams

The Market by Bonhams is the record-setting and fastest-growing online marketplace for classic and collectable cars auctions in the UK, Europe and the United States. Combining traditional auction practices with an innovative, exciting digital platform, they offer a five-star service, no buyer's fees and the lowest seller's commission in the industry.

About the Wallace Collection

As one of Britain's preeminent cultural institutions, the Wallace Collection is home to one of the most significant ensembles of fine and decorative arts in the world. Highlights include oil paintings from the fourteenth to the late nineteenth centuries by artists such as Titian, Velázquez, Rubens and Van Dyck; princely arms and armour; and one of the finest collections of eighteenth-century French paintings and decorative arts. Visitors can also enjoy superb medieval and Renaissance objects, including Limoges enamel, maiolica, glass and bronzes. Displayed at Hertford House, former home to Sir Richard and Lady Wallace, this outstanding collection is displayed in a manner designed to evoke the lives and tastes of its founders, creating a special ambiance that remains an essential part of its charm.

The Wallace Collection's current exhibition *Portraits of Dogs: From Gainsborough to Hockney* (29 March – 15 October 2023) brings over 50 works of art spanning almost 2000 years to Hertford House – from a late first-century Roman marble sculpture of greyhounds to affectionate vignettes of David Hockney's dachshunds. *Portraits of Dogs* presents a broad range of portraiture showing dogs in all their different shapes and sizes, with each painter or sculptor challenging themselves how best to represent mankind's best, faithful and fearless friend

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