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Sotheby's Next Annual Turkish Contemporary Art Sale To Take Place on 7 April, 2011

-- Elif Bayoglu Appointed Head of Sale --



Mubin Orhon, *Untitled*, oil on canvas, 1977, 130 by 97cm. Estimate: £50,000-70,000*

LONDON/ISTANBUL, WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 2010 --- Following the huge successes achieved by Sotheby's in the field of Turkish Contemporary Art since pioneering international auctions in this collecting category in 2009, Sotheby's is pleased to confirm that its next sale of Turkish Contemporary Art will take place in London on 7 April, 2011.

Sotheby's is also delighted to announce that Elif Bayoglu, who joined the company in 2008 and has played an instrumental role in each of Sotheby's auctions in this increasingly important field, has been appointed Head of Sale. Elif will continue to be supported by Dalya Islam, Sotheby's Consultant in Modern and Contemporary Turkish, Arab and Iranian Art, Oya Delahaye, Head of Sotheby's Turkish Office, and Edward Gibbs, Senior Director and Head of Sotheby's Middle East, India and Turkey Department.

Commenting on Elf Bayoglu's appointment, Edward Gibbs, Senior Director and Head of Sotheby's Middle East, India and Turkey Department, said: "We are delighted that Elif has taken on responsibility as Head of Sale for our auctions of Turkish Contemporary Art. Sotheby's auctions in this field are an extremely important part of the company's business and we are very pleased that Elif will now play an even more central role in developing this collecting field at Sotheby's."

Among the modern and contemporary highlights already consigned for sale is Mubin Orhon's 1977 oil on canvas *Untitled* which is estimated at £50,000-70,000.

Elif Bayoglu will be in Istanbul from 23 November until 3 December and Dalya Islam will be in the city from 23 November until 27 November, visiting Sotheby's Istanbul-based buyers and sellers, and galleries and artists in conjunction with the forthcoming auction, which is still open for consignments. During this period, Elif and Dalya will available for media interviews about the Turkish Art Market and the April 2011 auction.

Notes to Editor:

*Estimates do not include buyers' premium

To schedule an interview with Elif and/or Dalya during their forthcoming visit to Turkey, please contact the London Press Office (+44 (0)20 7293 5166 / simon.warren@sothebys.com) or Oya Delahaye, Head of Sotheby's Istanbul Office (+90 212 335 64 42 / oya.delahaye@sothebys.com).

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