

**Sotheby's London Annual Staff Exhibition
To be Held in the New Bond Street Galleries
From 26th July – 6th August 2010**



This summer 'Objets d'Art'- the ever-popular charity staff exhibition and highlight of Sotheby's July/August calendar - will be held to raise funds for CHASE hospice care for children. After the final auction of the summer season Sotheby's technicians and 'back of house' are able to air the galleries for this unique and diverse exhibition.

This year the show will run from Monday 26th July - Friday 6th August 2010 to be held in the ground floor Bond Street, Colonnade gallery. It will include an array of works in almost every medium imaginable from innovative sculpture, paintings on canvas, drawings on paper, mixed media, prints, photography in traditional monotone or vibrant colour from 35mm to digital, handmade jewellery and even works in origami incorporating the use of postage stamps or lottery ticket slips. Prices are upwards from £25 – affordable for any pocket.

There will be a competition and prizes for three outstanding pieces of artwork, to be selected by three judges prior to the opening of the exhibition, and the winners will be revealed on Monday 26th July.

Sotheby's staff exhibition annually sponsors a charity chosen by the staff and this year we will be supporting CHASE. CHASE provides hospice care for children and nursing, practical and emotional support to families with children who are not expected to reach their 19th birthday. The CHASE ethos is committed to offering a personalised service to suit each family's individual needs. Dedicated help is given throughout the whole journey, starting immediately after diagnosis, and continuing through to bereavement and beyond. This support is offered to families across South West London, Surrey and Sussex in their homes, their local communities and at Christopher's, the children's hospice. The CHASE service is provided 365 days of the year at no cost to the families themselves. CHASE has a target to raise £4 million every year to ensure that their vital service continues; they have minimal Government funding and rely heavily on donations to achieve their objectives. In addition to the proceeds raised from catalogue sales, 10% of the value of all artworks sold will be donated to the charity.

In addition to the works on display on the walls, in cabinets and on plinths, some of the exhibitors will be taking part in performance or live art acts. The inspiration came from Anthony Gormley's 'One & Other' – a living monument wherein members of the public were invited to take their place on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square from 6th July – 14th October 2009. Along similar lines, Sotheby's staff exhibition will include acts varying from reciting poetry, origami demonstration, crazy knitting, to name but a few. The boundless artistic talent within the walls of Sotheby's ensures a wealth of ideas - but some of them will have to remain a surprise!

We also have a case of Digoia-Royer Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru les Gruenchers 2003 donated by a generous gentleman. This case of wine will be sold by 'silent auction' and all proceeds go to the charity.

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