

Hockney Buyers Hopeful for Lots

A collection of David Hockney related art and ephemera are going under the Charterhouse gavel in their two day **April 2nd & 3rd** auction in Sherborne.

“Many of the items are very much of a private nature which David Hockney gave or sent to Ann and David Graves” commented Richard Bromell. “Whilst David Hockney can command phenomenal prices at auction, such as The Splash which Sotheby’s recently sold for £23,117,000, we are looking at more modest estimates starting at £100 for a Hockney poster,”

The collection consigned to Charterhouse comes from the estates of the late David and Ann Graves, David who was Hockney’s assistant and Ann who was his muse.

Ann Upton met David Hockney in 1960 and by 1962 became his model and featured in many drawings and paintings. In the early 1970’s David Graves met Ann Upton through a mutual friend and they started living together. Graves, who was a sculptor and paper restorer, met Hockney at the opening night of Rakes Progress at Glyndebourne Opera where DH designed the set.

By the late 1970’s DG became DH’s assistant, later moving to Hollywood with him and in the early 1980’s began to appear in his drawings.

David and Ann married in Hawaii 1983 where Hockney was their “wedding photographer” creating a photographic collage of the occasion, along with drawings.

In 2013, after many years as assistant to David Hockney, David and Ann Graves retired to Sherborne, Dorset, where David liked to research and write plays. Ann died in 2017 to be followed by David in 2019, after which Charterhouse were instructed by the executors to remove items for auction.

Estimated at £2,000 - £4,000 in the Charterhouse auction, from the estates of David and Ann Graves, is a table once owned by David Hockney – see below.



Designed by Marco Zanuso for Zanotto, this 6ft glass topped low table is on chrome cylindrical legs. The table features in Hockney's painting Still Life on a Glass Table amongst other works, and would make a wonderful addition to an owner of one of these limited edition lithographs.

Understood to have been designed by David Hockney, and worked by Ann Graves is a large woolwork rug or wall hanging. With large stitching, Ann travelled about with this rug as she worked for hours stitching the abstract design. Measuring 296 x 152 cm this ended up on the wall of her Sherborne home just above the Marco Zanuso table. Signed with her initials AU (Ann Upton) this quite probably unique design is estimated to sell for £1,000 - £2,000.



The wall hanging/rug

Of a more personal nature are a group of prints from David Hockney to the Graves including a Christmas note from 1991. Inscribed "Try to Have a Merry Christmas This Year 1991. Love from David and all at 7506" this is valued at £300-£500.

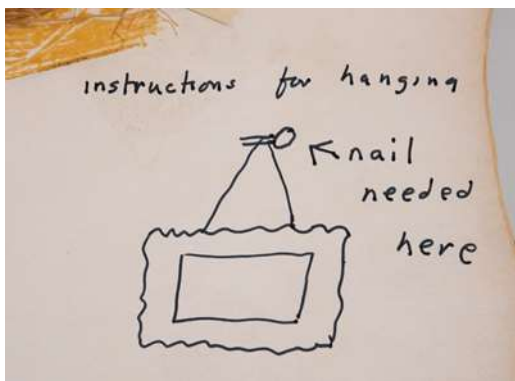


Merry Christmas from Hockney 1991

There is also a charming cut out of Stanley, Hockney's beloved dog. Dedicated to the reverse "Dearest Ann, Here is a picture of little Stanley sleeping, to hang up straight away – or it can be thrown away, much love, David", there is also an amusing little drawing giving Ann instructions how to hang to the picture.



Hockney's Little Stanley



This picture has possibly been cut down from a 1987 Tate Gallery exhibition poster which featured little Stanley sleeping, and is estimated at £500 - £1,000.

However, perhaps the most sentimental piece of art from the collection are two Polaroid photographs. Taken by David Hockney they portray Byron Upton, Ann's son, who tragically died in an accident in 1982 aged 16. They show Byron lying on a carpet which is inscribed "a young model DH" and a more formal pose with him sitting on a chair near a table, inscribed

"It's inspiring me already-Much love David". This pair of Hockney Polaroids are estimated at £500 - £1,000.



Byron Upton Polaroids



Richard Bromell with a signed Hockney poster

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for this April 2nd & 3rd two day auction. They are also accepting entries for their April 8th classic & Vintage Car Auction followed by their May 6th Classic Motorcycle Auction.

For further information regarding these auctions, contact **Richard Bromell** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne DT9 3BS **01935 812277** or email **info@charterhouse-auction.com**

