



THE ORIENTAL CERAMIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG LIMITED

PREVIEW OF CHRISTIE'S SPRING AUCTIONS

WITH ROSEMARY SCOTT AND POLA ANTEBI

Date: Saturday, 29 May 2010
Venue: Convention Hall (old wing), Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Cost: Members Free (limited to 20 participants)

The guided preview will include a selection of 30 rhinoceros horn carvings from the 'The Pine and Bamboo Studio' Collection. The highlights instance themes which are rarely seen on rhinoceros horn carvings and include a libation cup which depicts boys occupied with various playful pursuits in a landscape scene dated to the late Ming period, early 17th century, as well as an early Qing dynasty, late 17th century libation cup carved in high relief to depict eight stallions roaming carefree in a landscape scene.

The imperial theme this year emphasises works produced for Qing dynasty Emperor Yongzheng (reigned 1722-1735), who was renowned for his refined taste in art and his stringent quality requirements for items that were sent to the Qing Court. Highlights include a pair of famille rose eight peaches dishes which were once in the collection of the Woolworths department store heiress, Barbara Hutton, before being in the possession of the Hong Kong shipping magnet T. Y. Chao. Decorated with a total of eight peaches growing from flowering branches and accompanied by five bats, this design forms the auspicious *wufu* which provide rebuses both for good fortune and for the Five Blessings of longevity, health, love of virtue and a peaceful end to one's life. A vase decorated with stylised Indian lotus flowers rendered in the doucai palette is a further highlight.

Rosemary Scott is International Academic Director of Christie's Asian Art Departments and a former President of the London Oriental Ceramic Society.

Pola Antebi joined Christie's Hong Kong in 1990 and since 2000 has been the head of the Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art Department in Hong Kong. Her areas of expertise include Imperial ceramics, jades and works of art from the Yuan to the Qing periods. She is currently a member of the Hong Kong Management Committee.

Because of heavy demand and a strictly limited number of places, this event will be open only to OCS members.

REPLY SLIP

Members should complete and return the following Reservation Form. You can also reserve online by emailing ocs@orientalceramics.org.hk.

Yes, I would like to join the Preview of Christie's Spring auction tour on Saturday, 28 May 2010. Please reserve for

- Members _____ places
 Guests _____ places

Name: _____ Mr/Mrs/Ms/Prof/Dr Member: Yes/No
Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

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