



CYPRIA AUCTIONS - Press Release

Cypria Auctions is proud to announce that its fifth auction of 19th and 20th century Greek and Cypriot Art will be held on the 10th of December, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Akamas Hall, Hilton Nicosia. Cypria Auctions was launched in 2006 and has held four highly successful auctions to date, attaining World Record Prices for the artists Christoforos Savva, Polykleitos Rengos and Ioannis Kissonergis to name a few.

Important Cypriot artists to be included in the coming auction are Telemachos Kanthos, Nikos Nicolaides, Ioannis Kissonergis, Christoforos Savva, Lefteris Economou, Andreas Charalambides, Andreas Ladommatos and Stelios Votsis.

Cypria auctions is proud to present four works by the highly important Cypriot artist Telemachos Kanthos. These are three landscapes and one still life. These works span his career from 1983: *CYPRIO T LANDSCAPE* to a year before he died in 1992: *OLIVE GROVE*. They are all typical examples of Kanthos' free, expressive style and strong sense of colour. The landscapes depict the Cypriot landscape: mountain sides and olive groves. *QUINCE FRUIT ON A BLUE BACKGROUND* is a work that conveys Kanthos' mastering in composition, colour and expression.

Two watercolours by Ioannis Kissonergis will also be included. Both works depict scenes in Old Nicosia. *SCENE IN OLD NICOSIA* depicts an old Turkish man walking in a back street of the old town. *OLD NICOSIA* depicts two old buildings, one of which is the rear end of a converted French Gothic church. Both are fine examples of Kissonergis' rendering in watercolour and convey the artist's talent at painting with sensitivity to colour, light and detail.

There will also be two gouaches by Christoforos Savva. These depict Savva's cubist manner of figurative painting. They can both be dated to around 1956 when other similar work was executed. *NAKED WOMAN* is a study for an oil titled *Γύμνο*, which can be found in the book *ΧΡΙΣΤΟΦΟΡΟΣ ΣΑΒΒΑ* by Eleni Nikita (plate 35). *WOMAN STANDING* is another version of a work that can also be found in Nikita's book (p.82).

There are also five works available by the artist Andreas Charalambides. These are examples of his work at its best. These works portray his typical, graceful figures set in a timeless atmosphere.

The most significant work in this auction is a still life by Spyros Vassiliou, *STILL LIFE WITH FAMILY PHOTOS*. This is a beautifully painted still life depicting objects typically associated with everyday life: a lamp and a vase of dried flowers and a smaller vase of fresh cut flowers. However the main focus of the work is an array of family photos that are in fact of the artist's family. This work can therefore be seen as a family portrait as much as a still life.

Other important works by Greek artists will also be included. There will be two stunning watercolours by Alecos Fassianos in his typical figurative style. There will also be a charming drawing of a young sailor by Yiannis Tsarouhis and two beautiful oils by Polykleitos Rengos.

The preview of the auction may be viewed from Sunday, the 7th of December to Tuesday, the 9th of December, from 9.00am to 9.00pm, and on Wednesday the 10th of December from 9.00am to 2.00pm. The auction will be held on the evening of the 10th of December at 6.30pm.