



Modern and Contemporary Art - Live Online (A979)

Tue, 5th Oct 2021

Viewing: VIEWING BY APPOINTMENT

Due to current social distancing restrictions, we will be offering viewing by appointment only.

One hour time slots will be available from:

Fri 1 Oct, 9am - 5pm

Sun 3 Oct, 10am - 1pm

Mon 4 Oct, 9am - 5pm

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All lots are, however, extensively illustrated and carry detailed condition reports - see 'Condition report' at the foot of each lot description.

Lot 58

Estimate: £400 - £600 + Fees

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Portrait of Miss Elizabeth Hanley, three-quarter length seated, in a green dress
signed 'Saint-Paull' l.l., oil on canvas
90.5 x 70.5cm

Elizabeth Hanley, also known as Betty, was a socialite and lived a life touched by the glamour of high society. Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, throughout her childhood she lived in many different countries including Germany, Austria, Italy and Spain. In the late 1940s, she moved to the UK and stayed as a paying guest with the former Empress of Austria in Kensington. She later moved into her own house where, in the words of the vendor, she hosted 'the great and the good of all ages, the only requirement being that you must have a title'.

The artist Saint-Paull painted many well-known stars of the day including Rita Hayworth and even Lord Mountbatten. Betty's life also crossed paths with the royal family, she held a Royal Warrant for lighting from 1978, which was sold from her shop in Elizabeth Street. Above the shop lived Anthony Armstrong Jones, the future husband of Princess Margaret.

Later in life, Betty sold the emeralds worn in this portrait to help pay for the restoration of The Ring at Audley End. This portrait was displayed in the dining rooms of many of her friends including Lord Braybrooke, Lord Parmoor, Sir Henry Marking and the Sainsbury family.

Condition Report

Dirt and dust on canvas. White surface dirt to whole lower half, but looks like it would be easy to clean.

Paint thinner around hair.

Seen under uv light and a 1cm x 2cm area upper right looks like retouching near a light scratch. Tiny black spots also

show up under uv but these do not look like retouching but possible tiny dirty specks. Please see addition condition images on website.