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Sotheby's Head of Modern & Contemporary African Art Visits Australia

Modern & Contemporary African Art | Auction in London, 16 May 2017



IRMA STERN 1894-1966, *Still Life with Sunflowers* 1942.
Estimate GBP £350,000-550,000 (AUD \$570,000-900,000)

Hannah O'Leary, Director of Modern & Contemporary African Art at Sotheby's in London, will visit **Melbourne on 2-3 February** and **Sydney on 6-8 February** to seek consignments for Sotheby's Modern & Contemporary African Art auction, to be held in London on 16 May 2017.

The inaugural sale will include carefully curated works by important artists from across the African continent from the early 20th century to the present day. With a strong focus on the Post-War and Contemporary, the sale will create a new platform for this exciting and dynamic category, bringing African artists to a wider audience. Artists represented will include William Kentridge, Irma Stern, Dumile Feni, Romuald Hazoumè, Chéri Samba, Yusuf Grillo, Gerard Sekoto, Ben Enwonwu, El Anatsui, Julie Mehretu, Ibrahim El Salahi and Wangechi Mutu among many others.

With over a decade of experience Hannah O'Leary has played an instrumental role in developing the markets for both Contemporary African Art and the more traditional area of South African Art, setting new benchmarks and helping raise the international profile of this rapidly evolving field.

Hannah O'Leary, Director of Modern & Contemporary African Art commented: 'The African Art scene is thriving; last year saw outstanding results for African Art at auction, including record prices for seven contemporary African artists at the Bowie/Collector sale. Historically there has been a synergy between Africa and Australia. Many Africans have migrated to Australia, and we anticipate significant works of art will have crossed the Indian Ocean as part of people's collections. I look forward to reacquainting myself with the Australian collectors.'

AT A GLANCE

Hannah O'Leary, Director of Modern & Contemporary African Art, London

Visit to Melbourne 2-3 February 2017

Level 8, 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne VIC

Visit to Sydney 6-8 February 2017

30 Queen Street, Woollahra NSW

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