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AUCTION AT STAIR GALLERIES SEES STRONG SALES FOR THE CONTENTS OF DOUGLAS S. CRAMER AND HUGH BUSH'S DOGWOOD FARM ESTATE

Hudson, New York (June, 2010) – On Saturday, June 26, Stair Galleries (www.stairgalleries.com) in Hudson, NY hosted an auction of the contents of *Dogwood Farm*—the former Roxbury, Connecticut residence of legendary television producer and contemporary art collector **Douglas S. Cramer** and his longtime partner, artist and writer, **Hugh Bush**.

The **434-piece** sale included an impressive collection of furniture selected for the couple by celebrated style icons including, **David Anthony Easton, Nicky Hasslam, Mica Ertegun** and **Chessy Rayner of MAC II**. Also included, were a wide range of magnificent collectables, Georgian and Victorian English Furniture; American, European, and Chinese furniture; Oriental rugs; tribal artifacts; chic antique garden appointments and signed contemporary prints and posters by artists such as **Ellsworth Kelly, David Hockney, Andy Warhol, Ed Ruscha,** and **Frank Stella**.

Some **350 bidders participated** in the sale including interior decorators, private collectors, architects, and dealers who swooped up pieces in person, online, and by phone. The auction's proceeds totaled **\$625,743** with **\$86,490** benefiting several select charities including: **The New York City Restoration Fund, The New York City Center for Dance, Save the Children, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The Miami City Ballet,** and several **Miami Art Museums**.

Auction Highlights:

The highest sale was for an untitled signed and numbered screenprint of a spherical disc by British pop-artist **Bridget Riley**, which sold at **\$29,000**. Other top price items included a signed **Warhol "Flowers"** print which sold for \$20,000 and decorative items and furniture including a bronze figure of a moose head with antlers that sold at \$20,000; a set of eight **George III-Style Mahogany dining chairs** which sold at \$8,000; and an assembled

set of **Regency Style Mahogany dining chairs** were purchased for \$14,000.

“The success of this sale is a testament to Mr. Cramer and Mr. Bush’s passion for acquiring antique furniture and modern art. Their remarkable taste and passion for collecting resonates with decorators and independent collectors. Their combined eye provides a diverse and eclectic collection which our clients, both old and new, truly enjoyed.” said Colin Stair owner of Stair Galleries.

Other notable sales included an **upholstered modern sofa** designed by Mac II for *Dogwood Farm* which sold for \$4,750; a signed and numbered print **“Made in California”** by artist **Ed Ruscha** which sold for \$6,000; and a pair of late **George III black-painted cast-iron settees** which went to a bidder for \$8,000.

“Hugh and I were very pleased with not just the results of the sale but with the experience of working with Colin Stair and his team. A catalog from the auction will be a wonderful memento of Dogwood Farm. We are delighted that so many things we’ve loved have found new homes with people who will enjoy them as much as we do.” said Douglas S. Cramer.

The sale of Dogwood Farm was prompted by Mr. Cramer and Mr. Bush’s decision to spend more time in Florida.

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