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SAATCHI COLLECTION

**Saatchi Collection & Artsy Announce Three-Part Major Benefit Auction:
500 Artworks from the Collection of Renowned British Art Collector
Charles Saatchi to Benefit Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity**
Saatchi Collection: Auction In Aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity

- The first part, featuring 150 artworks, will take place on September 11–25
- Part 2 and part 3 will launch on October 3, and December 5, respectively



Robin Lowe, *Young Thief / Self-Portrait in Pink*, 1997. Image courtesy of Saatchi Collection, London.

New York, NY, August 21, 2024 — Artsy, the world's largest online platform for discovering and collecting art, is delighted to announce a three-part sale of around 500 artworks from the Saatchi Collection, assembled by renowned British art collector Mr. Charles Saatchi, which will commence on September 11, 2024. 100% of the hammer price* of artworks sold will benefit Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity (GOSH Charity), helping to support seriously ill children from across the UK.

The first part of the three-part auction, *Saatchi Collection: Auction In Aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity*, will feature 150 artworks, ranging in estimate from £300 up to £60,000, and includes works by Richard Billingham, Rafael Gomezbarros, Soheila Sokhanvari, Robin Lowe,

Tillman Kaiser, John Stezaker, and Peter Davies, among others. The sale will open for bidding at 12pm EDT on September 11, closing at 12pm EDT on September 25. Part 2 and Part 3 of the auction will take place on October 3–17, and December 5–19, respectively.

Commenting on the auction, Mr Charles Saatchi said, “I am grateful to Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity, and the hospital is particularly close to my heart.”

Sarah Bissell, GOSH Charity’s deputy director of relationship fundraising, said: “We are really excited about this auction that will help raise vital funds for seriously ill children and their families from across the UK. We’d like to say a huge thank you to Artsy and the Saatchi Collection for their invaluable support.”

Discussing the sale of this collection, Artsy’s Director of Content and Curator-at-Large, Casey Lesser, commented: “We’re honored to be offering works from the influential collection of Mr. Saatchi on Artsy, including many boundary-pushing pieces with exceptional provenance, having been exhibited at the historic Saatchi Gallery over its 30-year history. It’s a rare opportunity to be able to collect works from a collector and gallerist who has played such a pivotal role in shaping the course of contemporary art.”

Highlights in Part 1 of the auction include:

- Robin Lowe’s *Young Thief / Self-Portrait in Pink* (1997), a striking childhood portrait that was exhibited in the influential 1998 exhibition “Young Americans 2: New American Art at the Saatchi Gallery” (est. £600–800).
- Soheila Sokhanvari’s *Moje Sabz* (2011), a taxidermied horse set within a turquoise blob, symbolizing the tension and resilience of Iran’s 2009 Green Movement. The piece was featured in the group exhibition “Champagne Life,” the gallery’s first all-female exhibition in 2016 (est. £2,600–£3,600).
- Jonathan Wateridge’s *Group Series No.2 – Space Program* (2008), a cinematic painting, in the artist’s realist, uncanny style, featuring a fictional crew of astronauts. The piece was featured in the 2010 show “Newspeak, British Art Now,” at Saatchi Gallery (est. £40,000–£60,000).

**Hammer price does not include administrative costs, fees, shipping, and taxes.*

About the Saatchi Collection

Founded by Charles Saatchi in 1985, the Saatchi Collection, London continues to support emerging artists, having played a vital role in pioneering the contemporary art sphere including the Young British Artists (YBAS). Artworks from the Collection have been exhibited at Saatchi Gallery, London and internationally.

About Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity (GOSH Charity)

Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity (GOSH Charity) stops at nothing to help give seriously ill children childhoods that are fuller, funner and longer. For the hundreds of children from all over the UK who are treated by Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) every day, for children with rare or complex illnesses everywhere, for this generation and all those to come.

GOSH has been transforming the lives of seriously ill children since opening its doors in 1852 and has always depended on charitable support. GOSH Charity funds groundbreaking research into children’s health, cutting-edge medical equipment, child-centred medical facilities and the support services children and families going through the toughest journey of their lives urgently need. But there is so much more we need to do.

Together with our supporters, we can give seriously ill children the best chance, and the best childhoods, possible. Because we believe no childhood should be lost to serious illness.

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About Artsy

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