Friends of Bulgaria

Charity Auction & Raffle 2024

Raffle: preview Raffle prizes at the end of this document
Raffle tickets sold on-site at the event, 5th December

Auction: Please leave advance bids if you cannot attend the party on 5th of December
sabina.zlateva@friendsofbulgaria.org.uk

Advance bidding closes 1.00pm on 5th of December.

Successful bidders
– payments via Donations section of Friends of Bulgaria website, please also complete the Gift Aid section
https://friendsofbulgaria.org.uk/donations-tickets/

LOT 1

Стара Троянска сливова
Aged Troyan Slivova 7 Years

Opening bid: £20

200 ml
in shaped bottle exclusive to Vinprom Troyan
in wooden presentation case with two ceramic drinking cups

Kindly donated by Claire and John Brisby

LOT 2

Бутикови Коледни Бисквитки
Кутия (20 броя)
Hand-made boutique Christmas Biscuits Box (app. 20)

Opening bid: £10

Kindly donated by our friends Denitsa and Ivan Yordanov of Cake Kingdom https://cakekingdom.co.uk/

LOT 3

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LOT 5

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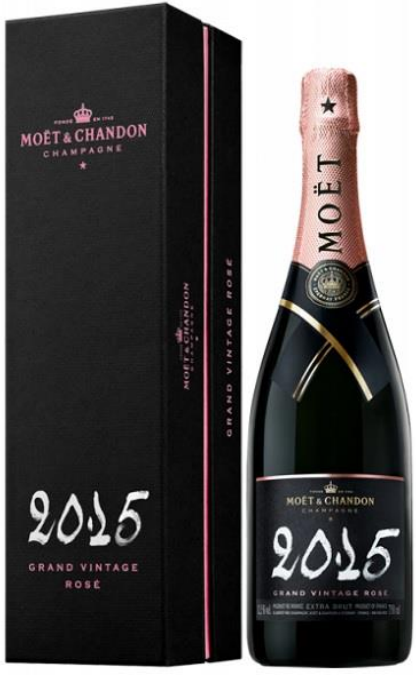
LOT 6



Champagne Moet & Chandon GRAND VINTAGE ROSE 2015

Opening bid: £40

The 45th vintage rosé in the House's history, the Grand Vintage Rosé 2015 has a truly unique character.

designer bottle 75cl. value £85.00.

Kindly donated by Charlotte Healey

LOT 7

Stylish Sofia Shoppers

Opening bid: £15

Presyiana Boycheva designed shoulder bags featuring her photo shots of Sofia

Limited edition, made of 100% organic cotton;

Kindly donated by Presiyana Boycheva

LOT 8

Stylish Sofia Shoppers

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Nelly Dimitranova
Silently, my colour rose

Opening bid: £15

Black pen on watercolour background, 29.5 x 41.5cm framed

This unique work of art is kindly donated framed by the artist

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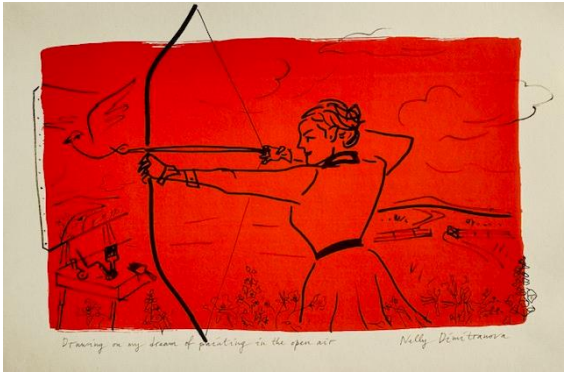
UCL Art Collection, London: drawings of John Flaxman's plaster casts

1992 Logo, Karin Dom Foundation, Varna – still in use



Nelly Dimitranova

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Drawing upon my dream of painting in the open air

Black pen hand painted in vermillion pigment background
Print of original artwork above, sold at Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2023

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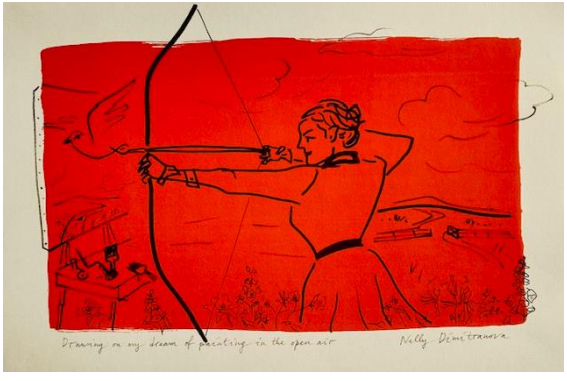

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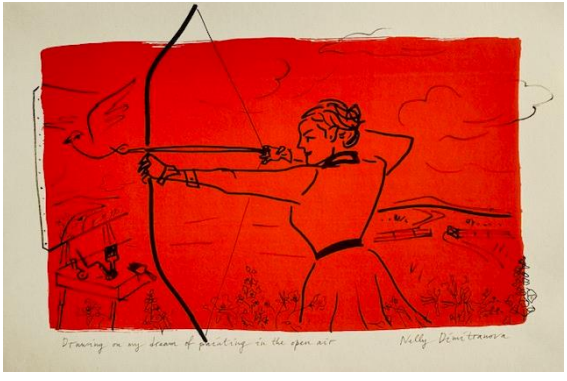

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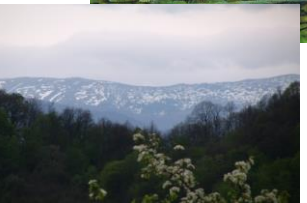
LOT 15



Balkan Holiday House,
Troyan, Bulgaria

One week stay, max. 6; self catering, exc flights.

Opening Bid: £200

A traditional hamlet house remotely situated at the base of the Balkan range, half an hour's wooded walk to the Troyan Monastery, a foremost historic monastery in Bulgaria famous for its miracle-working icon and colourful mural painting.

It offers a peacefully secluded base for mountain excursions to suit every level of ability and every area of interest in the natural world, as well as expeditions further afield.

The house sits on the upper edge of a hamlet with a garden planted with fruit trees and a terrace commanding panoramic views of the Balkan Mountains.

It accommodates a maximum of 6 over two floors, each fitted as a self-contained unit with kitchen and bathroom. Recently restored, the rooms are furnished in traditional style with antique Bulgarian kilim and local ceramics.

Troyan is 2 hrs. drive from Sofia, the nearest airport.

Kindly donated by Claire and John Brisby
Terms: valid 1 year, extension by arrangement; excl. August 10-18.

LOT 16

Holiday Apartment BANSKO

Five-night stay, max. 5; self-catering, excluding flights

Opening bid: £250

A spacious modern holiday apartment in the 4* Apart-Hotel, St. George, Bansko. The flat is located at a 10-minute walk from the gondola lifts and 15 minutes from the old town centre.

Bansko is a picturesque old town located at the foot of the Pirin Mountains in Southwestern Bulgaria. It is famous for its traditional architecture and cuisine, world class spa and golf. It is also the most popular ski resort in Eastern Europe, attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists every year from all over the world. The resort is a popular destination all year around and offers a wide range of fun activities for families and couples.

The flat has 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a spacious living room and balconies with a superb view. The apart-hotel also offers spa, gym, swimming pool and a restaurant.

Access to these facilities comes at a small extra price.

Kindly donated by Ivana and George Velikov

LOT 17

Handmade Cake – Unique shape

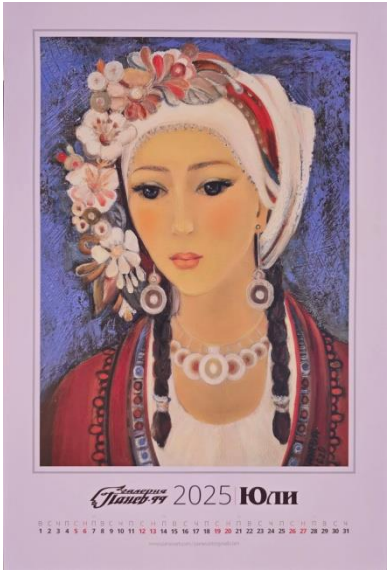
Opening bid: £25

Freshly made delicious cake
May contain nuts

Prepared by Dimitrina Sariyska – professional cake designer, specialising in stunning cakes for all events.

The pictures show last year's auction cake and not the one that will be auctioned.

Kindly donated by Dimitrina Sariyska



Month by month Calendar issued by Gallery “Panev’99”, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria,

illustrated by artist and author Ivanichka Paneva.

Opening bid: £10

The timeless beauty of the Bulgarian woman, portrayed in variety of folklore costumes seen in the depth of her enigmatic soul, this is the author’s idea of presenting the forthcoming months of year 2025.

The artistic perspective reveals colourful aspects of Bulgarian traditions and their eternal charm coming from the past, living in the present , and inspiring the future of the Bulgarian identity.

Kindly donated by Zdravka Momcheva

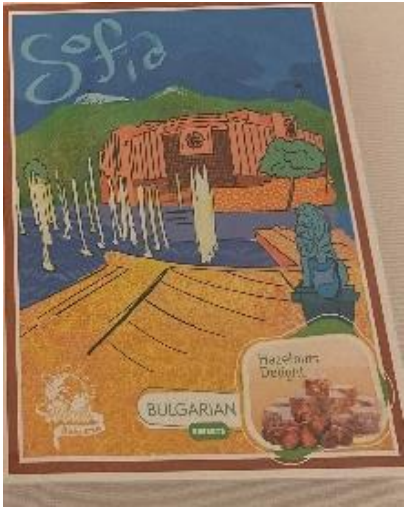
Bulgarian Delight

Opening bid: £10

Bulgarian Delight (version of Turkish delight) in designer boxes

- Almond Delight

Kindly donated by Momchil Konstantinov



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Bulgarian Delight (version of Turkish delight) in designer boxes

- Hazelnut Delight

Kindly donated by Momchil Konstantinov

Bulgarian Delight

Opening bid: £10

Bulgarian Delight (version of Turkish delight) in designer boxes

- Red Cranberries Delight

Kindly donated by Momchil Konstantinov

LOT 22

Vinprom Stara Troyanska Slivova Rakia

Opening bid: £10

Stara Troyanska Slivova Rakia 7 Year Old

Gift Set: 0.5l in Vinprom-shaped bottle with 2 traditional slim necked drinking vessels
Gift Set |

kindly donated by Martin and Rossitsa Sexton

Ant Tyler
Autumn Walk , Troyan Monastery 1

Opening bid: £100

Oil on canvas 51 x 61 cms (20 x 24 in)
Signed

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Annie Field
Fauve Composition: Green

Opening bid: £100

Oil on canvas. Framed dimensions 39.5 x 32 cms (15 1/2 x 12 1/2 in), Signed

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Her paintings reflect her desire to explore her surroundings, forming her own visual language. “I feel one of the most important things in life is freedom of spirit, which I try to express through my art. Colour, movement and sensitivity determine the final images for my sculptures, paintings and drawings.”

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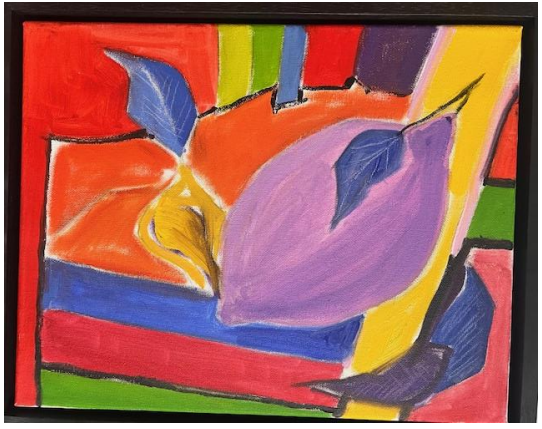

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Fauve Composition: Lilac

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LOT 28

Zagreus Winery Santimenti Mavrud 2022, Thracian Valley, Bulgaria

Opening bid: £10

Full flavoured & robust; Zagreus Natural winemaking method- wild fermentation in stainless steel tank, no additives or barrel ageing.

donated by The Jolly Merchant Ltd.

Black Diamond Truffles Set, Bulgaria

Opening bid: £25

www.truffles-bulgaria.com
Box sets of of Black Truffle products

Set of Black truffle products:
– Pesto Genovese – 90 years
– Red pesto – 90 years
– Pork fat – 80 g
– Truffle salt

kindly donated by Railtsa Petrova

LOT 30

White Diamond Truffles Set, Bulgaria

Opening bid: £25

www.truffles-bulgaria.com
Box sets of of White Truffle products

set of White Truffle products
– Pasta sauce with mushrooms and white truffle – 80 g
– White truffle butter – 80s
– Olive oil with truffle – 100ml

kindly donated by Railtsa Petrova

LOT 31

Bonnet and Scarf

Opening bid: £15

made by parents of children with special needs attending Karin Dom

Kindly donated by Karin Dom

LOT 32

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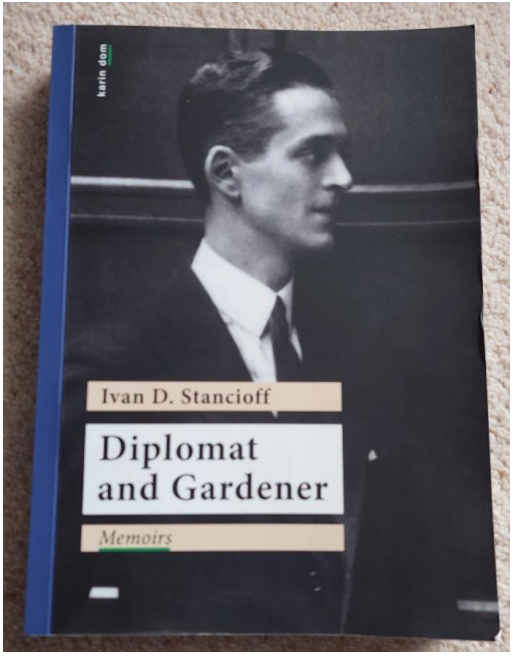
LOT 33



Rare Book: *Diplomat and Gardener* by Ivan Stancioff

Opening bid: £15

A copy of out of print book *Diplomat and Gardener*
the memoirs of Ivan Stancioff, founder of Karin Dom and Friends of Bulgaria

Kindly donated by Karin Dom

Wool Picture –Bird framed

Opening bid: £15

made by parents of children with special needs attending Karin Dom

Kindly donated by Karin Dom

Wool Picture –Flowers framed

Opening bid: £15

made by parents of children with special needs attending Karin Dom

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Raffle 2024

Bulgarian Children's Family Cookbook
Donated by Karin Dom

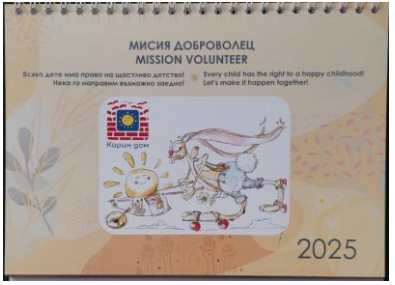
Hand-crafted Christmas decorations
made by parents of children with special needs attending Karin Dom

Individual pack of seasonal Greeting cards,
printed with imagery created by children attending Karin Dom in collaboration with volunteer designers

Bulgarian Children's Story Books
Donated by Karin Dom

Book covers
made by parents of children with special needs attending Karin Dom

Karin Dom Calendar 2025
Mission Volunteer



Lavender, Essential oil,
bottle 10ml of the finest Bulgarian Lavander Essential Oil

kindly donated by the manufacturer RKL, courtesy of Yanitsa