

Own a symbol of our fair Lady's life of glamour and love

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AS A former lady mayoress of Adelaide, the late Lady June Porter lived a glamorous, generous life.

She loved art, fashion, interior design, classical ballet and travel. She was also a great philanthropist.

And her last gift to the state is an auction of the contents of her North Adelaide apartment, where she spent her last three decades and enjoyed hosting elegant soirees. Lady Porter died, aged 98, in October last year and her estate will be auctioned at the Art Gallery of SA on Sunday, April 22.

Her nephew, James Porter, said it was fitting that the auction would be held at the Art Gallery because it was the location of her final outing.

"The last trip out of her apartment was within the week she died and it was to the Art Gallery to launch a fashion fund there," he recalled.

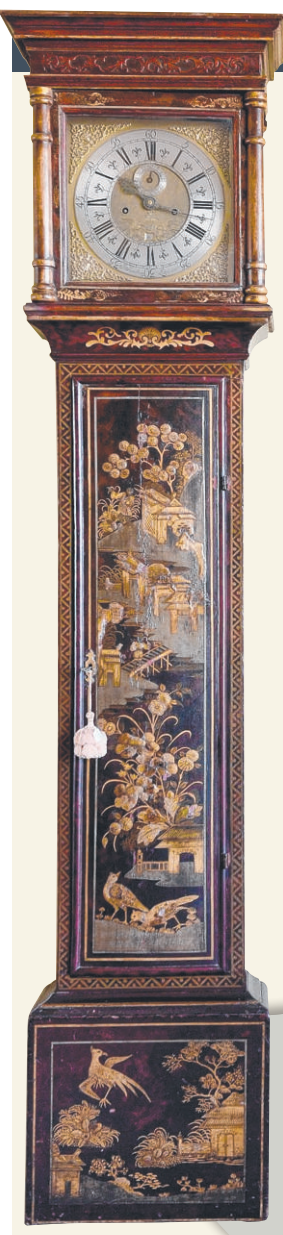
"We had to get her into a wheelchair and she gave a speech, which was very well received, and then she went back home and said: 'You know what? I've done my bit now'. Her time had come."

Herself a renowned fashionista, outfits from her wardrobe will be auctioned along with almost 400 lots of furniture, fine art, decorative arts and jewellery.

A nurse during the World War II, Lady Porter married Sir Robert (Tom) Porter who was Lord Mayor of Adelaide from 1968-71. The couple spent time living in India and travelled to many parts of the world. Mr Porter said while the auction would be a sad day for the extended family, it was time to move on. "It is the end of an era," he said.

"A lot of people knew my aunt and really liked her and this will provide an opportunity for those who want to, to be able to buy one little part of what is a large collection to have for themselves.

"(But) there are some very interesting pieces of Indian and Chinese art works that will also interest international buyers."



GOING UNDER THE HAMMER



Lot 217 is an Albert Tucker (1914-1999) painting - Landscape with parrots. Estimate: \$15,000-\$25,000.



Lot 281 is a strand of Paspaley South Sea pearls. Estimate: \$7000-\$9000

Lot 119 is a George III red lacquer Chinoiserie decorated long case clock. Details: J. Stansbury, Leominster. 18th Century English. Estimate: \$4000-\$6000

Lot 223 is a Linda Klarfeld bronze dancer. Estimate: \$1000-\$2000

ers." Mr Porter said there were a couple of pieces that epitomised his aunt that he would be bidding on come April 22.

John Albrecht, managing director of auctioneer Leonard Joel said the collection was available to view at Lady Porter's penthouse apartment in North Adelaide (which is also on the market), to registered bidders.

He said a visit to the apartment left him with the impression of an immaculately managed residence, perfectly decorated and punctuated with fine English and European decorative arts. "Equally,

the hanging walls present both Australian art and international elements from June's travels abroad," he said.

"But what I remember most as we began the task of cataloguing and presenting this beautiful collection are all the wonderful framed photographs of her, her husband and so many adventures captured over so many decades and locations; a collection that if proof were needed, spoke of a life lived with perpetual energy, grace and intellect." The catalogue can be viewed at auctions.leonardjoel.com.au PAGES 52-53: MORE AUCTION NEWS



GIFT: Lady June Porter with Sir Robert Porter in 1980.

Nugget of truth in accident

A HIGHWAY was closed for 12 hours after a truck containing a million chicken nuggets crashed into a car and flipped.

The B-double truck, on its way to a McDonald's distribution centre, hit a car in the city-bound emergency stopping lane of the Hume Highway at Epping, in outer

Melbourne. The truck crashed through the centre median barriers and flipped onto its side, before coming to rest across the northbound lanes.

The driver and his dog escaped unscathed while the stationary car wasn't occupied.

All 20 tonnes of nuggets were binned.

Seniors ballet class on point

TAKING ballet classes in older age has numerous health benefits, a trial has found.

Queensland Ballet and Queensland University of Technology have released the results of their joint three-month project incorporating 10 Ballet for Seniors classes.

It found participants had

higher energy levels, greater flexibility, improved posture and a sense of achievement. They reported feeling happier.

Performance psychologist and former professional ballet dancer Professor Gene Moyle said movement, be it dance or other forms of exercise, was critical for better ageing.



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