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Live Auction!

Paula Rego

The Psychiatrist, 2011

ESTIMATE

£15,000 – 20,000

SIZE
138 × 102 cm

MATERIAL
Pastel on paper on board

A powerful and prolific artist, **PAULA REGO** has established an international reputation with her paintings and large scale pastel works on paper. Drawing on fairy tales, mythology and her own childhood in Portugal with its rich oral tradition, Rego paints 'stories' in which characters enact a variety of roles and suggest disquieting tensions below the surface. Her graphic and assertive style makes the psychological content of her narratives sharp and often menacing. In this work all the signature elements of Rego's unique vision are combined in a perverse 'pieta' composition: a nun, draped over the lap of an empty-eyed man, looks away, while an elderly figure (the psychiatrist?) solicitously hovers above.

Represented by Marlborough Fine Art, London.

- 1935 Born in Lisbon, Portugal
- Lives and works in London
- 1956 Slade School of Fine Art
- 1990 Appointed the First National Gallery Associate Artist
- 1999 Honorary Doctorate of Letters, University of St. Andrews, Scotland · Honorary Doctorate of Letters, University of East Anglia, Norwich
- 2000 Honorary Doctorate of Letters, Rhode Island School of Design, USA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 *Mat Collishaw, Tracey Emin & Paula Rego: At the Foundling*, The Foundling Museum, London
- 2008 *Paula Rego Human Cargo*, Marlborough Chelsea, New York · *Paula Rego Retrospective de l'oeuvre graphique*, Ecole Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Nîmes · *Paula Rego Retrospective exhibition*, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid (solo)
- 2007 *Paula Rego, Graven Images*, Waterhall Gallery of Modern Art, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery (solo)