

Toy experts write about us

OLIVIA BRISTOL, president of the UK Doll Club and former head of Christie's Doll and Toy Department.

"Dolls, Teddy Bears and Toys are an important source of information for historians and academics; from early history how children play and with which toys they played, reflects the era they grew up in. From the earliest very primitive home-made toys, to exquisitely dressed dolls wearing the latest fashions from the 19th century, toy soldiers representing wars across the world and the quality of toys going up and down as the world's economy fluctuates. I cannot think of a better way to educate children and to draw them into the excitement of history."

HUGO MARCH, Director at Special Auction Services, Manager of the Toy and Train Department.

"The SOFIA Foundation is bringing to Nicosia a distillation of the marvels of childhood past from around the world. At one level it includes simple toys, such as a dolls' house from England, but also illustrates how the new cinema and cartoon culture in the 1920s shaped young lives: with 'Cowboy Mickey' from Japan, a clockwork Charlie Chaplin from Germany and Howdy Doody from the USA. Not all cheap toys were poor quality, as is shown by the Spear's penny toy set for Parker Brothers, but at the very highest level, German toys from 1900 to 1905 were extremely expensive and only given to the richest boys. Visitors to this wonderful exhibition are very privileged therefore to be seeing the important Marklin toys, some of the rarest toys in existence. I have worked in the world of old toys for nearly thirty years at auction houses in Great Britain, and spent many years at Christie's forming a close relationship with the SOFIA Foundation. I have always been impressed by the drive and integrity of the Foundation and its principals and can only admire its success in putting together a world-class collection that is giving benefit and pleasure to so many."

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DANIEL AGNEW, former head of Christie's London Teddy Bear and Doll Department. He now runs his own business "www.danielagnew.com" and The London Toy Auction, specialising in antique and collectable Teddy Bears, Dolls and Decorative Toys. Daniel also has his own collection which he has assembled over the last 30 years. He is now a consultant and curator to the SOFIA Foundation's toy collection.

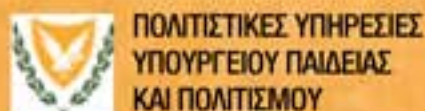
"Working with the SOFIA Foundation is a great privilege; to continue to help display such important toys, many originally handled by me at Christie's. The SOFIA owns probably the most important collections of toys in the world and to help care for them and to be able to share them with everyone is a wonderful experience."

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