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LEFT: Bristol the 1910 German golden mohair teddy bear sold for £2200 **TOP RIGHT:**

Jena Pang with Hugo who sold for £8024

ince 2006, when Neil Shuttleworth and I took over Special Auction Services, the company has grown fivefold and there are over 50 sales a year; with two which take place every June and December that are entirely dedicated to Teddy Bears and four Express sales throughout the year, which comprise around 50 lots of bears in each. Bear sales are going from strength to strength thanks to the expertise of Daniel Agnew who joined the SAS team in March 2013. Daniel is a World-renowned expert in Teddy Bears and has used his previous successes at

Christie's to organise the standalone sales. We regularly sell some fantastic bears with amazing stories attached to them. Last year we sold a The 1910 German golden mohair teddy bear that was lost at Bristol Airport and subsequently reunited with its owner after a public appeal. It was estimated at £800-1,200 and sold for £2200 a replica of this bear has recently been produced by Ian Pout of Witney. One of the real highlights of our Teddy bear auction in 2014 was Jena Pang's outstanding collection of 32 antique Steiff teddy bears and animals. The top two









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i feel extremely lucky to love looking at antiques and knowing and passing that knowledge on. But the greatest days are when ı́m up on the rostrum selling the collection.

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bears were Constantine, a centre seam Steiff c. 1905 which sold for £8,260 and Hugo, an apricot mohair bear c. 1905 which made £8,024. It was the best single owner collection of early Steiff bears to be seen at auction for many years and it was certainly the finest collection of antique bears ever to appear regionally in the UK. It was a real privilege to sell them and I am pleased to say that every bear has gone to a good home.

FAR LEFT:

Constantine a centre seam Steiff circa 1905 - sold for £8260 MIDDLE:

Nelly an early Steiff PAB35, 1904 sold for £6490 in 2012

A rare Sussenguth Peter Bear