

# HILARY KAY



Hilary Kay, through her work in television and beyond, has played a significant role in popularising art, antiques and new fields of collecting.

Hilary joined Sotheby's in 1977 and helped establish their new Collectors' Department. The following year she was promoted to Head of Department and took her first auction at the age of 21. Hilary was Sotheby's youngest ever auctioneer and went on to become Senior Director. During her career at Sotheby's, Hilary developed auctions in innovative areas of collecting. She also created the first expert training programmes in the company and worked extensively with Sotheby's education division.

In 1978 Hilary was invited by the BBC to join the *Antiques Roadshow* team of experts and is now the longest-serving member of the *Roadshow* expert team. Over these 47 years Hilary has made countless extraordinary discoveries and enjoyed memorable conversations including a private *Antiques Roadshow* for HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

Sought-after as an experienced and accomplished speaker and presenter, Hilary has delivered countless lectures, talks, study days, entertainments, keynote and after dinner speeches to audiences across the world. Hilary's media career is ongoing and she has presented or featured in a wide variety of programmes. Also, much to her surprise, she won BBC TV's *Celebrity Mastermind*.

Hilary established a corporate entertainment company in 2000 which presents entertainments on art and antiques for the world's cruise industry, the corporate market and private clients.

Hilary devised and produced a theatre show which she presents with her friend and *Antiques Roadshow* colleague, Paul Atterbury. Since the show's launch in 2006, it has toured extensively through the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Hilary is also closely involved with *The Art Institute*, which she created and launched in 2016 in partnership with Online Education Pty Ltd in Australia. In this stimulating online history of art course Hilary brought together leading experts to provide students with a broad understanding of art, its history and the world that surrounds it. *The Art Institute* has many thousands of enthusiastic students and alumni in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa.