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Happy Holidays

What an amazing year it has been! It's hard to believe the holiday season is fast approaching. At Seaway China we believe that Christmas is about giving and sharing with friends and loved ones. In keeping with this tradition, we've opened the pages of our holiday catalog to Royal Doulton collector, Amy Withrow, who was so excited to share her favorite holiday memories with us. We've also added a few surprises to our fabulous holiday selection including Christopher Radko's Coca-Cola Christmas ornaments, the 2012 Pretty Ladies and a stunning selection of porcelain figures by Lladró. With all of these new additions, our catalog is filled with gift-giving ideas for everyone on your shopping list and maybe some new pieces for your own collection as well.

Happy holidays from all of us here at Seaway China. We wish you the very best in the upcoming year.

OUR HOLIDAY GIFT TO YOU:

20% OFF A SINGLE ITEM OF YOUR CHOICE FEATURED IN THIS CATALOG OR ON OUR WEBSITE*

*Excludes Catherine Royal Wedding Day and Lladró. Offer may be redeemed by mail, phone or online. When ordering online please enter promo code 1111HSC during checkout. Offer is for one-time use and applies to merchandise only. Shipping and taxes not included. Offer expires 12/31/2011.

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ROYAL DOULTON INSIGHT - ASK CHRISTOPHER



Catherine
Royal Wedding Day
Ltd. of 7,500
HN5559 9"H \$298



Christopher Evans
Royal Doulton Historian

Dear Christopher,

I understand that Royal Doulton is making a figure of Kate Middleton in her beautiful wedding gown. What information can you provide me about the piece? I have all of the Royal Family figures that Royal Doulton has produced and I'm looking forward to adding this figure to my collection as well.

- Vera Peters of Greensburg, PA

Thank you so much for your enquiry and how timely it has proved to be! Seaway China premiered Royal Doulton's new figure of Kate (or as she is more formally known: Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge) in her stunning wedding gown in early September at their annual Michael Doulton signing event.

This newest addition to the Royal brides is titled Catherine 'Royal Wedding Day' HN5559 and she is being issued in a limited edition of 7,500. Her Royal Highness is portrayed in her now world famous wedding dress, designed by Sarah Burton for the prestigious London fashion house, Alexander McQueen. This gracious figure was modeled by Neil Welch. While dress makers the world over were avidly replicating Catherine's stunning gown during the ceremony, Neil was busy replicating it for Royal Doulton. As soon as Catherine emerged from the vintage Rolls Royce Phantom at Westminster Abbey, she stepped straight into the pages of fashion history. The Duchess chose British design house Alexander McQueen for the beauty of its craftsmanship and its respect for traditional workmanship as well as the technical construction of their clothing. The dress represents the very best of British art and craftsmanship and has been on display at Buckingham Palace, London over the summer months.

The dress features a strapless, Victorian-style corset underneath a high-necked, long-sleeved, sculpted bodice in intricate lacework, handmade by the Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court Palace. It is detailed with individual, hand-cut and embroidered flowers representing the rose, thistle, daffodil and shamrock; the national flowers of England,

Scotland, Wales and Ireland, which make up the United Kingdom. The hand-stitchers of the lacework were required to wash their hands every thirty minutes to keep the lace and threads pristine, and also change the needles they were using every three hours.

Royal Doulton has captured the spirit of the day perfectly. Catherine is seen resplendent in her flowing gown and veil of ivory silk tulle held in place by the famous 'Halo' Tiara by Cartier from the 1930's loaned to Catherine for her special day by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II (an 18th Birthday present to the Queen from her mother). Catherine's bouquet has been truthfully re-created as well after the original design by Shane Connolly. It featured blooms of significance to both families: Lily-of-the-valley meaning return of happiness; Sweet William for gallantry; ivy for fidelity, marriage, wedded love, friendship and affection; hyacinth for constancy of love and myrtle, the emblem of marriage and love.

I am sure you will agree that Catherine will be a popular figure, as collectors around the world seek a memento of a very special day. The studios at Royal Doulton and designer Neil Welch have triumphed yet again in producing such a regal figure.

Do you have a question for Christopher? Please submit your inquiries to Seaway China via fax or mail. Or you can email Christopher at christopher@seawaychina.com.