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DEFINITELY MAYBE

DRUM KIT USED BY ORIGINAL OASIS DRUMMER TONY MCCARROLL ON THEIR FIRST ALBUM *DEFINITELY MAYBE* TO BE OFFERED AT CHRISTIE'S IN JUNE



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South Kensington, London - The drum kit used by Tony McCarroll, the original drummer in legendary British band Oasis, will be offered in the *Pop Culture* sale on 20 June 2014 (estimate: £12,000 – 15,000, *illustrated above and page 2*). The drum kit was used on the band's first album *Definitely Maybe* which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

Tony McCarroll commented: *"This drum kit was used by me throughout my time with Oasis, from the very beginning during rehearsals at the Boardwalk in Manchester through touring and the recording of 'Definitely Maybe'. I have owned the kit ever since and as it is just gathering dust, I have decided to give Oasis fans the opportunity to own it."*

Caitlin Graham, Associate Specialist, Popular Culture, Christie's South Kensington: *"We are very pleased to be offering such an important piece of Oasis memorabilia in the year that marks the 20th anniversary of the release of Oasis' generation-defining album 'Definitely Maybe' and the birth of Britpop. The critically acclaimed album sparked a revitalisation in British rock music which can still be felt today."*

Tony McCarroll was the first drummer with Oasis, playing and recording with the band from its inception as "Rain" in 1990 until April, 1995. This drumkit was purchased early in the history of the band from Johnny Roadhouse in Manchester and McCarroll then played it throughout his career with Oasis. As well as being used exclusively during the recording of *Definitely Maybe*, and on the track *Some Might Say* on *(What's The Story) Morning Glory?*, released in 1995, he also used the kit during the recording of various Oasis music videos, on tour with Oasis as well as during many key appearances on television.



The Pop Culture sale will also feature a BRIT Award, won by Oasis in 1996 for their second album *(What's The Story) Morning Glory?* (estimate: £4,000 – 6,000). When Oasis took to the stage to accept the BRIT award Liam and Noel Gallagher performed a parody of Britpop rival Blur's Parklife.

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Public Exhibition:

Saturday, 14 June 2014: 11:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday, 15 June 2014: 11:00am – 5:00pm
Monday, 16 June 2014: 9:00am – 7:30pm
Tuesday, 17 June 2014: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, 18 June 2014: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday, 19 June 2014: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, 20 June 2014: 9:00am – 11:00am

Auction:

Pop Culture
20 June 2014
13:00pm

Christie's South Kensington

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