

# CHRISTIE'S

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# CHRISTIE'S UNVEILS

# THE PRIVATE COLLECTION OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. RONALD REAGAN

SOLD TO BENEFIT THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION & INSTITUTE



The Reagans leaving after the Moscow Summit. June 2, 1988. Credit: The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

# LIVE AUCTION SEPTEMBER 21-22 | ONLINE AUCTION SEPTEMBER 19-27

New York — Christie's announces the release of the sale catalogue for the upcoming auction of <u>The Private Collection of President</u> <u>and Mrs. Ronald Reagan</u>, the celebrated 40<sup>th</sup> President and First Lady of the United States. This landmark Collection will be on view at Christie's New York **September 17 to 20** and is slated for sale **September 21 and 22**, with live and online components, to coincide with Americana auctions at Christie's.



AN EVOCATIVE RELIC SYMBOLIZING ONE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S GREATEST FOREIGN POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS A SIGNED FRAGMENT OF THE BERLIN WALL Measures Approx. 25" x 13" x 2" Weighs 19.75lbs. Estimate: \$10,000-20,000

Among the iconic objects revealed with the catalogue's release is A Signed **Fragment of the Berlin Wall**, an evocative relic symbolizing one of President Reagan's greatest foreign policy achievements (*pictured left*; estimate: \$10,000-20,000). Other featured objects emblematic of the 'Reagan Era,' include **President Ronald Reagan's Cowboy Boots by Tony Lama**, a gift from Western actor Rex Allen (estimate: \$10,000-20,000); A Series of Personal Doodles by President Ronald Reagan on White House Stationery (estimate: \$2,500-3,500); and An Official NFL Wilson Football, Signed and Inscribed, "Win One For the Gipper Ronald Reagan," (estimate: \$5,000-10,000).

The sale also encompasses furniture and decorative works supplied by William (Billy) Haines Inc., in the 'Hollywood Regency' style, jewelry and handbags from Mrs. Reagan's collection, books with personal dedications, presidential mementos and gifts, and fine art from the Reagans' home in Los Angeles. Many of these objects were used by the President and First Lady during their time in the White House and are designated as such with a green label. Per the Reagans' wishes, proceeds from the Collection sale are designated for The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. There are over 700 lots with estimates on individual items ranging from under \$1,000 up to \$50,000, and the auctions are expected to realize in excess of \$2 million total.

# **OBJECTS EMBLEMATIC OF THE REAGAN ERA**



A NEEDLEPOINT CUSHION CIRCA 1984 Estimate: \$1,000-1,500

PROVENANCE: A gift to President Ronald Reagan from Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stark.



PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S COWBOY BOOTS, BY TONY LAMA BOOTS, CIRCA 1980 Estimate: \$10,000 - 20,000

PROVENANCE: A gift to President Ronald Reagan from Western actor Rex Allen and Tony Lama Boots, September 1981.



REAGAN, RONALD (1911-2004). AN OFFICIAL NFL WILSON FOOTBALL, SIGNED AND INSCRIBED: "WIN ONE FOR THE GIPPER RONALD REAGAN" Estimate: \$5,000-10,000



PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN A COLLECTION OF ACCESSORIES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK, 20TH CENTURY Estimate: \$1,000-2,000

PROVENANCE: Formerly in The Family Residence, the White House, Washington D.C.



'GOOD MORNING MR. PRESIDENT' AN INAUGURATION GIFT TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN FROM MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS SINATRA A MARINE CHRONOMETER TIFFANY & CO., CIRCA 1981 Estimate: \$5,000-10,000

**PROVENANCE:** An Inauguration gift from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sinatra. January 20, 1981.



PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN A SERIES OF PENCIL SKETCHES SIGNED "RONALD REAGAN" [WATERMARKED 1982] ON WHITE HOUSE STATIONERY Estimate: \$2,500-3,500

PROVENANCE: Formerly in The Family Residence, the White House, Washington D.C.



PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN 'THE GOVERNOR'S DESK' AN AMERICAN SCUMBLE-PAINTED SLANT FRONT DESK BY DON GUSTAFSON, 1971 Estimate: \$4,000-6,000

PROVENANCE: A gift to Governor Ronald Reagan to commemorate his second term as Governor of California.

# FURNITURE AND DECORATIVE ARTS



A GEORGE III GILTWOOD PICTURE FRAME MIRROR, LATE 18TH CENTURY AND LATER Estimate: \$2,000-3,000

**PROVENANCE:** Formerly in The Family Residence, the White House, Washington D.C.



A PAIR OF CHINESE EXPORT PORCELAIN 'PHEASANT' STANDING LAMPS 20TH CENTURY, SUPPLIED BY TED GRABER, INC., CIRCA 1988 Estimate: \$5,000-8,000



AN AMERICAN WHITE-PAINTED SWIVEL DRESSING STOOL 20TH CENTURY, SUPPLIED BY WILLIAM (BILLY) HAINES INC., CIRCA 1970-1985 Estimate: \$500-1,000



A SET OF EIGHT GEORGE III STYLE WHITE AND GREEN-PAINTED DINING CHAIRS SUPPLIED BY TED GRABER, INC., CIRCA 1988 Estimate: \$4,000-6,000



A PAIR OF WHITE PORCELAIN FISH-FORM LAMPS, 20TH CENTURY SUPPLIED BY WILLIAM (BILLY) HAINES INC., CIRCA 1970-1985 Estimate: \$2,000-3,000



THE REAGAN'S BAR A GROUP OF BAR NAPKINS SECOND HALF 20TH CENTURY Estimate: \$200-400





PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN A SET OF SIXTEEN AMERICAN SILVER GOBLETS MARK OF INTERNATIONAL STERLING CO., MERIDEN, 20TH CENTURY Estimate: \$1,000-1,500



PRESIDENT AND MRS. RONALD REAGAN A COLLECTION OF BAR ACCESSORIES 20TH CENTURY Estimate: \$1,000-2,000



### A SET OF TEN CHINESE EXPORT INITIALED SOUP PLATES, AND A PAIR OF SIMILAR PLATES CIRCA 1780-95 Estimate: \$4,000-6,000

# PROVENANCE:

A gift to President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan from Mr. and Mrs. Armand Deutsch.

Formerly in The Family Residence, the White House, Washington D.C.



A RUSSIAN SILVER SAMOVAR MARK OF TIMOFEI RYCHAGOV, MOSCOW, 1899-1908 Estimate: \$5,000-8,000

PROVENANCE: A gift to President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan from Mstislav and Galina Rostropovich.



A PRIVATE COMMISSION TO COMMEMORATE THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN -A PAIR OF MOTTAHEDEH CHINESE EXPORT-STYLE PORCELAIN ICE PAILS, MODERN, BLACK PRINTED AND IMPRESSED MARKS Estimate: \$2,000-4,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Formerly in The Family Residence, the White House, Washington D.C.

The ice pails were part of a private commission to celebrate the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan on January 20, 1981

# **JEWELRY HIGHLIGHTS**



A DIAMOND, SAPPHIRE AND RUBY RING, BY BULGARI Estimate: \$5,000-8,000



President Reagan and Nancy Reagan on the USS Iowa in New York Harbor. July 4, 1986. Photo credit: The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library



A PAIR OF DIAMOND AND GOLD EAR CLIPS BY VAN CLEEF & ARPELS Estimate: \$15,000-20,000



A PAIR OF DIAMOND AND PLATINUM EAR PENDANTS Clips signed V.C.A. for Van Cleef & Arpels Estimate: \$5,000-7,000



A GOLD AND DIAMOND EVENING BAG Estimate: \$10,000-15,000



A BLACK STAR SAPPHIRE AND DIAMOND BROOCH Estimate: \$3,000-5,000

# **ONLINE AUCTION | HIGHLIGHTS | SEPTEMBER 19-27**



A COLLECTION OF FIVE GLASS MODELS OF ELEPHANTS, 20TH CENTURY TWO ETCHED STEUBEN Estimate: \$800-1,200

PROVENANCE: Formerly in The Family Residence, the White House, Washington D.C.



MRS. RONALD REAGAN A COLLECTION OF PERSONALIZED DESK ACCESSORIES, 19TH/20TH CENTURY Estimate: \$500-1,000



A COLLECTION OF DINING ROOM ACCESSORIES, 20TH CENTURY Estimate: \$200-400

PROVENANCE: Formerly in The Family Residence, the White House, Washington D.C.



TIFFANY & CO. DIAMOND DRAGONFLY BROOCH Estimate: \$2,000-3,000



THE REAGAN FAMILY 'THANKSGIVING' PLATTER AN ITALIAN CERAMIC TURKEY PLATTER AND TWO SETS OF TURKEY-FORM CASTERS 20TH CENTURY Estimate: \$500-1,000



CHANEL, BLACK AND CREAM LAMBSKIN LEATHER BAG, NAVY CANVAS QUILTED CLUTCH BAG AND LIGHT BROWN LEATHER BAG, 20TH CENTURY Estimate: \$500-700

# Note to the Editors:

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Inside the Bel Air home of President Reagan and his First Lady

From Westerns to the White House: An All American Story

President Reagan's world: 10 lots offering unique insights

Understated elegance: A First Lady's jewellery and handbags

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\*Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, financing fees or application of buyer's or seller's credits.

