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THE GOLDEN AGE OF BASEBALL

CHRISTIE'S PRESENTS AN IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF BASEBALL MEMORABILIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

ONLINE SALE: AUGUST 16-23



New York – Christie's is honored to present *The Golden Age of Baseball*, an online sale running from August 16-23, with a concurrent public exhibition at its Rockefeller Center Galleries in New York. Comprised of a remarkable assemblage photographs, contracts, autographed letters, baseballs and bats, the sale will offer approximately 400 lots. Estimates start at \$500 while the top lot of the auction is a Mike "King" Kelly professional model bat, estimated at \$70,000-80,000. The contents of the auction are from the National Pastime Museum, which is an online museum based on a private collection of baseball artifacts. This sale marks the second tranche of the collection, building upon the successful first sale in 2016.

"This auction presents a fantastic opportunity for a range of baseball enthusiasts, from beginners to seasoned collectors, to acquire a work related to a favorite team or individual player." remarks Simeon Lipman, Christie's Consultant, Pop Culture.

The auction represents the legends of baseball, spanning more than 150 years from the inception of the game through modern day, with items owned and used by icons such as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Willie Mays, Walter Johnson, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Jimmy Foxx, Roberto Clemente, Christy Mathewson, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Martin Dihigo and Mike "King" Kelly.

SELECT HIGHLIGHTS:



MIKE "KING" KELLY PROFESSIONAL MODEL BAT
Estimate: \$70,000-80,000



SAM WISE 1887 STERLING SILVER PRESENTATION BAT
Estimate: \$50,000-70,000



ED DELAHANTY 1887 ENGRAVED POCKET WATCH
Estimate: \$20,000-30,000



1866 UNIONS VS. ATHLETICS TROPHY BASEBALL
Estimate: \$15,000-20,000

Notes to Editors:

- On October 19-20, 2016, Christie's two-day auction *The Golden Age of Baseball, Selections from the National Pastime Museum*, totaled \$7,123,500 and was 92% sold by lot and 94% sold by value. The top lot of the sale was "Shoeless" Joe Jackson's Professional Model Bat which sold for \$583,500 to an online bidder.

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