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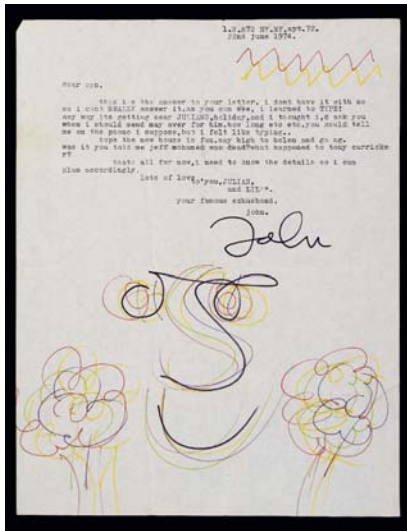
POP STARS REVEALED AT CHRISTIE'S SOUTH KENSINGTON IN MAY

Pop Memorabilia

Thursday, 25 May 2006 at 2pm

South Kensington – The first Pop Memorabilia sale of 2006 at Christie's South Kensington on 25 May offers over 350 lots spanning 1950s to the present day relating to famous names such as Buddy Holly, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, The Who, Bob Marley, The Sex Pistols, Madonna and Oasis. One of the most popular sales on the Christie's South Kensington auction calendar, the sale is estimated to fetch in excess of £320,000.

John Lennon and The Beatles



Leading the sale is an exciting Beatles section, the highlight of which is two intimate letters from the late John Lennon which provide a revealing insight into his personal and family life. Written only a year apart, they show how his relationship with his first wife, Cynthia Lennon, soured after he was reunited with his second wife, Yoko Ono, in 1975 (estimate: £10,000-15,000). The tone of the second letter is completely at odds with the first and contradicts the account in Cynthia's recent memoir, in which she suggested that it was Yoko who had persuaded John to break off contact with her and Julian (estimate: £10,000-15,000).

Other Beatle highlights include a shirt worn by John Lennon throughout 1963-64, most famously at the recording session for *She Loves You*, 1963 (estimate: £8,000-12,000) and the contact sheet of photographs of John Lennon taken by Bob Freeman for the cover of Lennon's book *In His Own Write*, 1964 (estimate £1,500-2,500). Also on offer is a range of Beatles autographs from 1961 through to 1968. Of particular interest are the rare complete sets of signatures signed after 1966 when the band had stopped touring,

estimates range from £1500-2,500 to £10,000-15,000 for a signed copy of the album "A Hard Day's Night", 1964.

Johnny Cash

Johnny Cash makes his London Pop auction debut in this sale with an illustrated souvenir tour programme, *Mervyn Conn Presents 'Live' The Johnny Cash Show* from 1968 (estimate £600-800). Signed by Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash and Johnny's backing band The Tennessee Three, the lot is also accompanied by the ticket stubs from the concert.



Elvis Presley

Amongst the Elvis memorabilia is a page from a souvenir concert programme signed and inscribed to Elton John's mother, Shelia Farebrother from a concert Elton John and his mother attended in Washington in 1976. As Elton John once said, "It was Elvis who got me interested in music..." It is displayed in a custom-made silver leaf frame; the corners decorated with gold leaf crowns studded with imitations jewels in true Elton John style (estimate £1,000-1,500).

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Notes to Editors:

Viewing

Tuesday 23 May, 9am-7.30pm
Wednesday 24 May, 9am-5pm
Thursday 25 May, 9am-12noon

Auction

Thursday, 25 May 2006 at 2pm
85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3LD

Christie's has sold a wide range of memorabilia associated with Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Bob Marley, The Sex Pistols and Madonna, among many others. Christie's holds a number of world auction records including Eric Clapton's 'Blackie' guitar which was sold for \$959,500 in June 2004, becoming the most expensive guitar ever to have been sold at auction. Further record highlights are John Lennon's handwritten lyrics to The Beatles song "Nowhere Man" which sold for \$455, 500 (2003) and Elvis Presley's 1942 Martin D-18 acoustic guitar, that sold for £99,000 (1993).