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***A TREASURE-TROVE FOR MUSIC AND MOVIE FANS:
CHRISTIE'S SALE OF ENTERTAINMENT MEMORABILIA***

Entertainment Memorabilia

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New York – On July 25, Christie's in New York will mix movies and music to come up with a great cocktail of actors' and musicians' memorabilia. The star lot of the sale is the Best Original Screenplay Academy Award won by Orson Welles in 1941 for 'Citizen Kane' (estimate: \$300,000-\$400,000 – separate release available). Music fans will have a large variety of items to pick from: never-before-seen film footage depicting John Lennon in New York City (estimate: \$45,000-50,000); Lennon's handwritten lyrics to the Beatles' song 'If You've Got Trouble' (on The Beatles Anthology 2 album) (estimate: \$30,000-35,000) and Bruce Springsteen's personally owned and used guitar (estimate: \$35,000-40,000).

A true discovery in the much trodden world of John Lennon are two reels of never-before-seen 16 millimeter film footage showing a much relaxed Lennon in November 1974 in the city he loved, New York (estimate: \$45,000-50,000). The project was initiated by a young filmmaker who approached John Lennon and asked to film him with his new camera. The post-Beatle agreed on condition that he could 'direct' the film and be able to edit and keep portions of it for his own use. Since Lennon knew that the film was done without sound, he became quite creative and the result is a spontaneous, candid and intimate portrait of him. These are the original camera film reels and last approximately 40 minutes. They are the only known prints to exist.

Two other lots for Beatles aficionados are the John Lennon handwritten lyrics to 'If You Got Trouble' (estimate: \$30,000-35,000) and George Harrison's handwritten lyrics to 'It Don't Come Easy' (estimate: \$18,000-20,000). (Interestingly, both tunes were recorded and sung by Ringo Starr.) Lennon wrote the text on the verso of printed sheet music for Bob Dylan's song 'Down the Highway', and planned the song to be part of the 1965 album and movie 'Help'. It was recorded in 1965 but later eliminated by Lennon and McCartney. It finally came out in 1996 as part of the album 'The Beatles Anthology 2'. The lines for 'It Don't Come Easy' were neatly written on a piece of lined notebook by Harrison so that Ringo Starr could read it effortlessly during 'The Concert for Bangla Desh' on July 31, 1971. Starr taped this sheet to his drum-set while onstage and the tape and its residue are still apparent on the page.

From the Beatles to Springsteen is a small step in this sale. The Boss's 1967 Gibson Les Paul electric guitar (estimate: \$35,000-40,000) is a key item for Springsteen fans. Springsteen used this guitar in his formative years circa 1968-1972 when he played with Child, Doctor Zoom, Sonic Boom, Steel Mill and The Bruce Springsteen Band, the groups preceding The E Street Band.

The cinematic world also ventures out on stage and in the wake of the amazing Orson Welles' Academy Award for 'Citizen Kane,' appears the tailcoat Orson Welles wears portraying Charles Foster Kane in this memorable movie (estimate: \$8,000-10,000). Welles is shown in this coat in the 'mad clapping scene' at the opera when Kane stands up to cheer after the bad performance of his wife, Susan Alexander. The large 'K' embroidered on each cuff is symbolic and turns up on almost every piece of clothing worn by Welles as Kane.

From another era but equally characteristic of its time, is 'Top Gun', one of the movies that strongly evokes the 1980s. Tom Cruise plays the irresistible Lieutenant Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell and offered for sale is the flight suite he wears during the major sequences (estimate: \$5,000-6,000). For Cruise fans this item will not fail to take their breath away.

The languid beauty and nonchalant charm of the heroes that peopled the silver screen in the 1930s may be long past but it's definitely not forgotten. Clark Gable is one of those incomparable suave actors and the sale includes a very personal item of this first class seducer: his signed operator's (driver's) license issued by the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles on May 10, 1929, filled out by the 28 year old actor in his own hand (estimate: \$500-700). Another Gable-linked item is an early 1930s photograph of Joan Crawford with an inscription to Gable reading Clarke [sic]/How am I doin?/I think you're swell/As ever/Joan (estimate: \$2,000-3,000).

But in movie land, Marilyn Monroe still is the sun around which the rest turns and the sale would not have been complete without her. A datebook with her handwritten entries for April 18, 19 and

20, 1962 is among one of the most touching items (estimate: \$3,000-5,000). It reflects three days in the life of a clearly distracted MM, barely 3 months and 2 weeks before she would tragically die. A hardcover copy of the book 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' by Anita Loos and signed by Marilyn (estimate: \$1,200-1,400) is also included.

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