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IF IT'S JUNE IT MUST BE BOOKS

Christie's New York to Offer Five Major Book Sales in June

New York – In what must be one of the most exceptional book sale marathons ever, Christie's will become New York's ultimate 'Temple of Wisdom' for the entire month of June. This series of sales will offer a plethora of material, including antiquarian reference books, historical Americana and first editions of 20th century American novels.

Fine Printed Books and Manuscripts Including Americana ~ June 14

The general, various-owners sale of the month will take place on June 14. Traditionally, this sale focuses on many different segments of the books and manuscripts collecting field and this sale is no exception. Among the many highlights in the sale feature the Private Collection of Important Medical Books of Dr. D.J. Canale, offering an often extraordinarily visual approach to the human body and its ailments; Property from the Estate of Robert D.L. Gardiner with a rare second edition of the Eliot Indian Bible with an exceptional colonial provenance, owned by Grindall Rawson, one of America's earliest etymologists of native languages (estimate: \$60,000-80,000); and Property from the Archives of the American Geographical Society presenting a fine group of Charles Lindbergh material. The sale further includes an interesting array of presidential documents such as a Lincoln check to Lucy, a 'colored woman' (estimate: \$20,000-25,000); a check by George Washington, written seven months before his death, to Thornton, architect of the nation's capitol (estimate: \$18,000-25,000); and an extremely rare blank check pre-signed by John F. Kennedy (estimate: \$12,000-18,000).

The William E. Simon Collection of Historical Documents ~ June 14

William E. Simon made very significant contributions to American business, public affairs, and government. Appointed Deputy Secretary of the Treasury in 1973, Simon was sworn in under

President Nixon on May 8, 1974 as Secretary of the Treasury, the 63rd holder of that post since Alexander Hamilton, and continued in that office under President Ford, serving until 1977. In keeping with his role as a statesman in national and world affairs, Mr. Simon was an avid student of American and world history, and these interests are reflected in his collection. He was a lifelong admirer of America's Founding Fathers and, particularly, of Alexander Hamilton, who was largely responsible for the creation of the economic systems still underlying our modern society.

The Jay T. Snider Collection of Historical Americana ~ June 21

On June 21, American history will take center stage at Christie's New York when *The Jay T. Snider Collection of Historical Americana* will be offered for sale. Formed over the last two decades by a meticulous and inquiring collector, the Snider Collection spans the North American continent, focusing on the shifting American frontier from early colonial times to the end of the Plains Indian Wars. With Mr. Snider's focus on fine condition, provenance and association copies, many books in this sale have either come from distinguished collectors of the past or have unique presentations or manuscript additions. Comprising nearly 350 lots – all bearing witness to momentous events in American history - the collection is expected to realize \$5-6 million (separate release available).

Bibliotheca Bibliographica Breslaueriana – The Third Portion ~ June 27 & 28

Following the success of the sales of Portions One and Two of this extraordinary collection which took place in March and realized **\$4,271,196**, Christie's now proudly presents The Third Portion of the Bibliotheca Bibliographica Breslaueriana. Over two days, book collectors will be treated to a refined group of books printed on vellum, antiquarian reference books, book bindings, manuscripts and bibliography. Among the highlights are the first bibliographical catalogue of books published in English, 1595 (estimate: \$6,000-8,000); a unique first edition of Robert Hoe's *A lecture on bookbinding ... 1885*, printed on vellum for the author (estimate: \$8,000-12,000); and a fine and rare Jansenist binding by the younger Henri Marius-Michel, 1916 (estimate: \$3,500-4,500).

The Donald G. Drapkin Library ~ June 29

Formed over the past two decades, the collection includes great works of literature from the 18th to the end of the 20th centuries. What distinguishes the collection beyond the collector's discriminating taste for the finest copies (most often inscribed or signed), was his particular interest in obtaining books which were adapted into film—whether within a year of publication or sometimes centuries later. As a true bibliophile, Drapkin's love of great books wanders beyond this collecting theme, and the collection includes some significant landmarks in the history of ideas, including Johnson's *Dictionary*, Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*, a presentation copy of Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, and an inscribed copy of Beckett's *En attendant Godot*, one of only 35 special copies. An extra eye-catcher - the collector commissioned superbly imaginative slip cases to house his books from the Dragonfly Bindery in Rhode Island.

Auctions:

Fine Printed Books and Manuscripts Including Americana
June 14 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The William E. Simon Collection of Historical Documents
June 14 at approximately 3.30 p.m.

The Jay T. Snider Collection of Historical Americana
June 21 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Bibliotheca Bibliographica Breslaueriana – The Third Portion
June 27 at 2 p.m. and June 28 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Donald G. Drapkin Library
June 29 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Viewings start approximately 5 days before the sale date.

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