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**SPELLBINDING COLLECTION OF THE LATE GREAT MARLON BRANDO
REALIZES \$2.4 MILLION AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK**

Godfather Script Fetches \$312,800 - A New World Auction Record For A Film Script

**The Personal Property Of Marlon Brando
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New York – Marlon Brando's legacy was honored today at Christie's as *The Personal Property of Marlon Brando* sale totaled an extraordinary \$2,378,300. Telephone bidders from all across the world joined a packed saleroom at Christie's in a six-and-a-half hour marathon auction that paid homage to a cultural icon many regard as the greatest actor of the post-war generation.

Memorabilia relating to Brando's depiction of Don Corleone in *The Godfather* – considered by many his most memorable role – dominated the day's proceedings. A hushed, expectant saleroom filled with over 500 spectators and bidders witnessed Brando's annotated film script, estimated at \$10,000-15,000, fetch a staggering \$312,800.

Setting a new world auction record for a film script at auction, it was bought by an anonymous phone bidder. The previous record stood at \$244,500, set at Christie's New York in 1996 for Clark Gable's *Gone With The Wind* script.

Another *Godfather* highlight, the letter from author Mario Puzo asking Brando to consider the role of Don Corleone, fetched \$132,000- and was bought by Al Tapper, a private Florida collector.

Miko Brando, Marlon Brando's second eldest child, says: "Today's sale has been a real success and I feel humbled by collectors and fans who have spent so freely to own a piece of my father's heritage and history."

Helen Bailey, Head of Popular Arts, Christie's New York, says: "We are delighted and thrilled with the results of today's auction – a fitting tribute to arguably the world's greatest film actor and a 20th century icon."

Other sale highlights included the photograph of Marlon Brando and Rita Moreno in *The Night Of The Following Day*, 1968 which realized \$48,000 – and notably the only piece of film memorabilia Brando kept in his Mulholland Drive home; a transcript of a telegram from Brando to Marilyn Monroe after her nervous breakdown in 1961 which made \$36,000; and many of the group lots of books fetching more than \$45,000 each – Brando had over 3,600 books in his library, and with many of the books annotated in Brando's own hand, bidders were eager to snap up these revealing and fascinating items.

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