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THE COLLECTION OF DONNA SUMMER

TOTALS \$907,956



BILLBOARD DISCO FORUM VI AWARD PRESENTED TO DONNA SUMMER

1979

Price Realized: \$47,880

NEW YORK – Christie's sale of [The Collection of Donna Summer](#) concluded online, achieving an exceptional total of \$907,956. The sale was 99% sold by lot, and 241% sold by its low estimate. The auction attracted global participation from 21 countries, with items going to buyers across Europe, the Americas, and Asia – 37% of them new to Christie's.

Peter Klarnet, Christie's Senior Specialist, says: *"We are extremely pleased by these fantastic results. They are a testament to the continuing relevance of Donna Summer's music in popular culture and the deep and enduring passion of her multi-generational fan base."*

The top lot of the sale was Billboard Disco Forum VI Award Presented to Donna Summer, 1979, which realized \$47,880, more than 120 times its low estimate. A second Billboard Disco Forum V Award Presented to Donna Summer, 1979, realized \$25,200. Donna Summer's paintings were among the top lots of the sale. *Chairman of the Board*, *Woman at Sunset*, and *Scarlet Starlette* realized \$27,720 each. Another Donna Summer painting, *Tokyo Love Song*, realized \$ 23,940.

Photographs offered in the sale performed exceptionally well, notably, *Two Polaroids of Donna Summer*, sold for \$13,860, almost 28 times against its low estimate. The sale was also highlighted by Donna Summer's autographed handwritten lyrics. Manuscript lyrics for *'On the Radio,'* realized \$12,600 against its low estimate of \$3,000, and *'Queen for a day,'* realized \$15,120, 30 times its low estimate of \$500. Additionally, a manuscript notebook with sketches, lyrics and a list of her songs sold for \$25,200 against its low estimate of \$800.

A portion of the proceeds is designated to support the [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)®, Save The Music Foundation and the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

SELECT RESULTS – THE COLLECTION OF DONNA SUMMER - 29 JUNE 2023



DONNA SUMMER (1948-2012)
Chairman of the Board
 Signed and dated 'summer 88' (right side)
 Acrylic on canvas
 Executed in 1988
 Price Realized: \$27,720



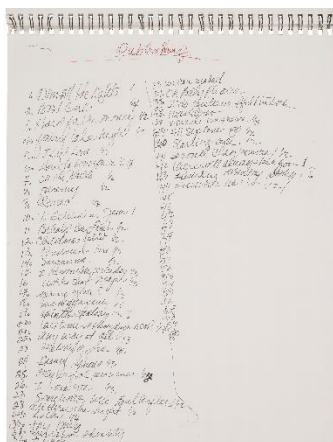
A BLACK LEATHER JACKET
 CIRCA 1991
 Price Realized: \$17,640



TWO POLAROIDS OF DONNA SUMMER
 CIRCA OCTOBER 1978
 Price Realized: \$13,860



**RIAA GOLD RECORD AWARD ISSUED
 TO DONNA SUMMER FOR 'LAST
 DANCE'**
 A Recording Industry Association of America
 gold record award for the 1978 single 'Last
 Dance' for sales of more than 1,000,000 copies
 for Casablanca Records, framed
 Price Realized: \$21,420



**MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK WITH
 SKETCHES, LYRICS AND A LIST OF
 HER SONGS**
 DONNA SUMMER, CIRCA 1995
 Price Realized: \$25,200



**DONNA SUMMER AND BARBRA
 STREISAND, TEST SHOT FOR "NO
 MORE TEARS (ENOUGH IS ENOUGH)"**
 FRANCESCO SCAVULLO, 1979
 Price Realized: \$8,820

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