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Steve McQueen – Crash Helmet

The personal crash helmet of Steve McQueen signed on the inside "*Wear it in good health, Steve McQueen*".

Estimate: £25,000-30,000



Marilyn Monroe

A rare first issue of *Playboy* magazine, 1953

Estimate: £1,000-1,500

**Film and Entertainment Memorabilia
Christie's South Kensington
Wednesday 19 December 2007, 10.30am**

LONDON – Over 200 lots of memorabilia from the stars of the stage, screen and musical worlds will be offered on 19 December 2007. Spanning 50 years of show business, the sale offers props, property, costume, scripts and all manner of autographed memorabilia from some of the most iconic actors and actresses of all time. Estimates start from £400 for a signed publicity photograph of Laurel and Hardy *circa* 1930s, but for those with deeper pockets, highlights include:

Steve McQueen – Crash Helmet

Steve McQueen's personal crash helmet worn by him off set whilst in England filming *The War Lover* (1961) at Shepperton Studios, London. McQueen became very friendly with a prop-hand during filming, and when McQueen left to return to the States, he gave the helmet to the prop-hand, a fellow motorcyclist, with the inscription "*Wear it in good health, Steve McQueen*" (estimate: £25,000-30,000).

Michael Caine

A collection of key costumes given by Caine to his body double with whom he worked for over 14 years in the 1960s-1970s. Items on offer include one of two black Aquascutum trench coats worn by Caine in the 1971 classic *Get Carter*, (estimate: £2,000-3,000), and the fur trapper's hat worn in *Billion Dollar Brain* (1967) (estimate: £2,000-3,000). There are also scripts from various Caine films including *The Italian Job* (1969), estimates from £300.

Audrey Hepburn – Charade

A three-quarter length yellow wool coat by Givenchy, and a cream wool short-sleeved dress, made for Audrey Hepburn in the 1963 thriller *Charade*, co-starring Cary Grant (estimate: £10,000-15,000)

Walt Disney – Animation

A selection of original celluloids used during production of some of Disney's best-loved classics including *Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs* (1937), *Fantasia* (1940), *Pinocchio* (1940) and *Peter Pan* (1953), estimates range from £1,500 to £6,000.

Star Wars – C-3PO

A hand from the android C-3PO from Star Wars (1977) – the hand was donated by George Lucas to The Friends of The Joffrey Ballet of Sacramento, California to raise funds via a sealed bid auction in 1989. It has remained with the successful bidder until now. (estimate: £4,000-6,000)

Marilyn Monroe

A rare American Marilyn Monroe calendar from 1955 comprising four revealing images of Monroe inside a "peep-hole" sleeve printed with the tag-line "*The Most Talked of Calendar In the World, all for the bargain price of 50c!*" (estimate: £4,000-6,000). Also a rare first issue of *Playboy* magazine, 1953, featuring Monroe on the cover (estimate: £1,000-1,500) and a Seventh Anniversary Issue, December, 1960, signed inside by both Monroe and Hugh Hefner, amongst others (estimate: £2,000-3,000)

Notes to Editors:

The view is free and open to the general public from Saturday 15 December:

For opening times please see below.

The view will close at 5pm on Tuesday 18 December.

Christie's Film and Entertainment sales are held annually at Christie's South Kensington in December. In the last two decades, Christie's has sold memorabilia ranging from Bette Davis' Academy Award for *Jezabel* to the sled from *Citizen Kane*. Most recently in June 2005, Christie's New York auctioned The Personal Property of Marlon Brando which totalled \$2,378,300 and set a new world auction record for any film script with Marlon Brando's working script for *The Godfather*, 1972 which sold for \$312,800. Exceptional prices have included \$666,000 for Dorothy's Ruby Slippers from *The Wizard of Oz* film and \$1,267,500 Marilyn Monroe's "Happy Birthday Mr. President" Dress. Christie's also sold Audrey Hepburn's Iconic little black dress from the 1961 classic film *Breakfast at Tiffany's* in December 2006 for £467,200, breaking the world record for a dress made for a movie. Christie's holds annual entertainment memorabilia sales in South Kensington, London and New York.

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