

# CHRISTIE'S

## Pop Culture: Rock and Pop Memorabilia

South Kensington – Tuesday, 14 June 2011

Sale no: 6355 – Top Three

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

<b>Sold:</b>	<b>£422,900</b>	<b>\$693,556</b>	<b>€479,992</b>
Lots Sold: 198	Lots Offered: 238	Sold by Lot: 83%	Sold by £: 88%
Exchange Rate £: = \$1.640 / €1.135			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
226	<b>Pete Townshend/The Who</b> A circa 1972/73 Gibson Les Paul Deluxe guitar, in gold finish, owned and played by Pete Townshend of The Who during the American Quadrophenia tour, and accompanied by a letter of provenance from the musician.	20,000-30,000	<b>£31,250</b> <b>\$51,250</b> <b>€35,469</b>	US Private
205	<b>John Lennon</b> A very rare album <i>Double Fantasy</i> , 1980, signed, annotated and dated on the inner lyric sleeve in blue marker pen To KCPX love, Yoko Ono John Lennon 1980 with caricature portraits by John Lennon of himself and Yoko Ono as gifted to a radio station as a prize for their listeners.	4,000-5,000	<b>£23,750</b> <b>\$38,950</b> <b>€26,956</b>	UK Private
186	<b>The Beatles</b> A presentation 'gold' sales award for the Apple Records album The Beatles, R.I.A.A certified, white matte	2,000-3,000	<b>£13,750</b> <b>\$22,550</b> <b>€15,606</b>	UK Private

### Comment: Neil Roberts, Head of Popular Culture said:

“A busy saleroom competed against a large number of bidders on the telephones and online in this sale which offered an eclectic mix of rock and pop memorabilia, and welcomed many new clients to Christie's. Items with the most detailed provenance were the most sought after, with strong prices achieved across every musical genre and era, from Jimi Hendrix and The Beatles through to David Bowie, Marc Bolan and Nirvana. The appetite for The Who memorabilia continued following a very strong section in Christie's 2010 sale, with the top price achieved for Pete Townshend's Gibson Les Paul Deluxe guitar which sold for £31,250. Further high prices included £23,750 for one of the last pieces ever signed by John Lennon (lot 205), £8,125 for a Selmer trumpet owned by Louis Armstrong (lot 4), £9,375 for a pair of boots once belonging to Jimi Hendrix (lot 73), £8,125 for a remnant of David Grohl's drumkit (lot 31) and £9,375 for Marc Bolan's jacket, as worn in Born to Boogie (lot 8).”

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