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## OUT OF THE ORDINARY AUCTION THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

THE **UNUSUAL** AND THE **UNIQUE**,  
THE **EXTRAORDINARY** AND THE **EXCEPTIONAL**  
ON VIEW TO THE PUBLIC FOR FREE THIS SUMMER

**London, South Kensington** – On 14 September 2016 Christie's South Kensington will host *Out of the Ordinary – The 250th Anniversary Edition*. The annual auction is a celebration of all things out of the ordinary: the **unusual** and the **unique**, the **extraordinary** and the **exceptional**. This year's edition comprises over 90 lots selected for the intriguing stories they tell. Every object and work of art featured in the sale will be on view to the public in a five-week summer exhibition, from 6 August up until the evening of the auction. The exhibition is free and open to everyone to explore and enjoy this remarkable and fascinating selection of rare collectibles.

### COLLECTING THE **UNUSUAL**

Leading this year's *Out of the Ordinary* sale is a diverse collection of memorabilia compiled by the Jersey based collector David Gainsborough Roberts. David has spent the last forty years amassing an extraordinary selection of memorabilia from the worlds of film and entertainment, royalty and politics, sport, and travel and exploration. This vast array of items include personal possessions of many celebrated and renowned names of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries such as Queen Victoria, Sir Winston Churchill, Lawrence of Arabia, the Duchess of Windsor, William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey and Captain Robert Falcon Scott, to name a few. Highlights include a set of keys from the Titanic (estimate: £7,000-10,000); a pair of ear clips owned and worn by the Duchess of Windsor (estimate: £8,000-12,000); a silk head scarf and agal owned by Lawrence of Arabia (estimate: £3,000-5,000 and £10,000-15,000); and a Stetson presented to Sir Winston Churchill by the City of Calgary (estimate: £4,000-6,000).



David Gainsborough Roberts  
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**David Gainsborough Roberts:** "After collecting for over forty years the time has finally arrived to share my collection with the world. I hope my insatiable appetite for the curious, the famous and the infamous will inspire a new generation of custodians."



## AN EYE ON THE UNIQUE



A further highlight is the Leica Camera Family Tree, an artwork displaying 107 Leica cameras that chart the history of renowned camera maker Leica from *circa* 1923 to 2006 (estimate: £350,000-450,000).

The introduction of the Leica heralded a new type of photographer: the photojournalist, who made use of the camera's small size, with an ability to work unobtrusively in low-light or fast-moving conditions with previously difficult subjects. Leica users such as Robert Capa, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Nick Ut, André Kertész, Andreas Feininger, Aleksander Rodchenko, Leni Reifensahl, Robert Doisneau, Bert Hardy, George Rodger and the great Henri Cartier-Bresson were amongst the many photographers who used the Leica to create some of the world's best known images.

In 2014 Leica celebrated 100 years of Leica photography with an exhibition titled *36 aus 100* ('36 from 100').

## EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: OLYMPIC MEMORABILIA



This year's sale features a selection of Olympic memorabilia, led by a 1904 Olympic gold medal awarded to American amateur golfer Robert E. Hunter (estimate: £20,000-30,000). Hunter was awarded the 14 carat gold Golf medal as part of the winning team at the Olympic Games in St. Louis. The St. Louis Games were the first to award gold, silver and bronze medals, and was one of only two Olympics in which the winners were presented with solid gold medals, making this medal particularly rare. In addition to the gold medal awarded to Robert E. Hunter, only two other team gold medals for golf are known to date.



Golf was last played in the Olympic Games in 1904 in St. Louis and it is fitting to be offering this medal in the year the sport returns to the Olympic schedule after an absence of 112 years. Read more about the story behind the 1904 Olympic gold medal [here](#).

Also featured in the auction is an aluminium torch made for the 2012 London Paralympics Games offered together with an official Paralympics uniform (estimate: £1,000-1,500); and a collection of golfing medals and trophy cups awarded to Robert E. Hunter, together with a signed published diary by Robert Hunter (estimate: £6,000-10,000).

## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES



*Out of the Ordinary* features a car that has made extraordinary journeys: a silver Jaguar XJ8 armoured LWB saloon\*, the last official car allocated to the late Baroness Thatcher by The Government Car Service (a division of the Department for Transport) (estimate: £15,000-25,000). Whilst other official cars were used during Margaret Thatcher's time in office, both as Prime Minister and as an ex-Prime Minister, this is the only official car used by her that can be substantiated. This Jaguar saloon was also loaned to David Cameron during the 2010 election and was used by him en route to Downing Street after his first meeting with the Queen at Buckingham Palace as Prime Minister. The car was paid for by HM Treasury, and the funds raised from the sale of the car will go back to the Treasury.

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**Exhibition:** 6 August – 14 September 2016 (closed for the bank holiday)  
**Auction:** 14 September 2016, 6.30 pm  
Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London, SW7 3LD

### Notes to editors

\* The vehicle is not sold as a means of transport and no promise is made that the vehicle is of satisfactory quality, fit for purpose or roadworthy. Christie's makes no representation as to the accuracy of "mileage" or odometer readings. If the successful buyer subsequently decides to use the vehicle as a means of transport, he/she is responsible for all tests and repairs and any other legally required formalities that are necessary to convert this vehicle from a collector's item to a roadworthy vehicle.

\*\* The sale of [The Private Collection of President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan](#) at Christie's New York this September will include a personal gift from Margaret and Denis Thatcher to President Reagan: a Pair of Elizabeth II Silver Beakers (estimate: \$1,000-2,000), together with a pair of diamond and gold ear clips (estimate: \$15,000-20,000) and a diamond and gold lion pendant-brooch necklace (estimate: \$30,000-50,000) worn by Mrs. Reagan on a State visit to the UK, 1988 during a visit with Margaret Thatcher.

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