

# The "Thrilling" Life of the "King of Pop": Personal Items Related to Michael Jackson up for Auction

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Personal Items Related to Michael Jackson on the Auction Block  
at  
Bonhams & Butterfields

Bonhams & Butterfields' Entertainment Memorabilia auction on  
December  
20, 2009 in Los Angeles will feature a wide variety of items  
related to  
Hollywood, Rock 'n Roll and Animation Arts, including a  
selection of  
property from Michael Jackson's private life. Also included  
are pieces  
related to Marilyn Monroe; the Brown Derby restaurant on Vine  
Street in  
Hollywood, and countless movie posters and vintage animation  
cells

Headlining the December sale is a selection of personal items  
related to  
Michael Jackson which offer the public an opportunity to see  
what it was  
like to be the "King of Pop" including clothing, items  
from his  
Neverland Ranch, master recordings of his songs, signed  
photographs, and

behind-the-scenes paperwork.

“Thrilling” Jackson lots include: the t-shirt worn by him in the ‘Beat It’ video (the turquoise one seen under the red leather jacket he wears during the dance sequence) (est. \$10,000-12,000), an enormous customized area rug depicting Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley that was given to the couple as a wedding gift (est. \$1,000-1,500); Jackson’s letterman’s style ‘Mickey Mouse’ jacket which still contains items he left in the pocket almost twenty years ago (est. \$3,000-5,000); an audio cassette tape recording from Jackson’s now-infamous 1984 Pepsi commercial (est. \$500-700); a personally owned and worn wool overcoat and hat gifted to the star by Russian military dignitaries (est. \$2,000-2,500); a custom-made black fedora embossed in the lining “Michael Jackson” (est. \$200-300); and the original 1983 master test proof recording of Jackson’s hit song “Thriller” used by Grammy® winning master recording engineer, Bruce Swedien. This recording is being sold to benefit student scholarships for the California State University Summer Arts program (est. \$4,000-6,000).

Additional items of note include a “Psychedelic Mandala” used onstage by the Grateful Dead in the early 1970s (est. \$5,000-5,500) and a

fur

costume worn by Beatle Ringo Starr as he portrayed 'Atouk' in the 1981

cult classic film "Caveman" (est. \$1,000-1,500).

Highlights related to classic films will also be prominently featured.

Items on offer will include a painted backdrop of the iconic "Hara

plantation, "Tara," created for the title sequence of "Gone With The

Wind" (1939) by noted California plein air artist, Fitch Fulton (est.

\$20,000-25,000); an employment contract signed two times by a 23-year

old Marilyn Monroe (est. \$7,000-9,000) and a selection of classic and

vintage movie posters from "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Gone with the

Wind," "Pufnstuf" and countless others

Also featured will be a selection of caricatures from the walls of the

famed The Brown Derby Restaurant at 1628 North Vine Street in Hollywood,

California. Consigned by David Gill Evans, longtime publicist for The

Derby, the offering includes a Charlie Chaplin signed caricature, 1930s

(est. \$800-1,000); a Norman Rockwell signed caricature, 1940s (est.

\$400-600) and numerous other caricatures of iconic Hollywood stars as

well as select pieces memorabilia from the noted establishment.

In addition, Bonhams & Butterfields will be offering a selection of

Animation Art. Featured works include a Walt Disney celluloid from  
"Bambi," 1942 (est. \$9,000-12,000) and two celluloids from  
"Pinocchio," 1940. The first cel from "Pinocchio" depicts  
Jiminy Cricket  
(est. \$5,000-7,000) and the second features the character  
Lampwick,  
Pinocchio's friend on Pleasure Island (est. \$4,000-6,000).

The illustrated auction catalog is available online at  
[www.bonhams.com/us](http://www.bonhams.com/us) in the weeks preceding the sale and Los  
Angeles  
previews.

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Auction: December 20, 2009, 10:00am

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