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Los Angeles – When Leon Jones first announced the sale of his autographed airbrushed rendition of Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Taylor, the world took note. Jones’s splendid rendition of the iconic celebrity pair made headlines around the world. The Los Angeles based artist, currently residing in Orange County, is well known for his vast collection of autographed work, including Jay Leno, Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O’Neal, Jennifer Lopez, Jennifer Love Hewitt and Snoop Dogg. But with the recent passing of Michael Jackson, his autographed painting of Jackson alongside Taylor has taken center stage.

The painting has since been consigned to Julien’s Auctions and will be included in the auction house’s historic “Music Icon’s” auction event to be held November 21 at the Hard Rock Café in New York City’s Time Square. The painting will be featured alongside other one-of-kind treasures such as Michael Jackson’s glittery glove, an early Madonna demo tape and unreleased Jimi Hendrix lyrics.

“This is an artist’s dream,” reveals Jones. “To have my work included in such a prominent event is the biggest honor. Julien’s Auctions is world recognized for their collections. I am simply humbled.”

“Jones’s painting is beautifully done. The fact that it is signed by both Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Taylor is an added attribute, deeming it one of a kind. It’s a perfect fit with our “Music Icon’s” event,” adds Darren Julien of Julien’s Auctions.

A percentage of the proceeds from the sale will benefit the West Angeles Church of God in Christ’s Children’s Department for their Youth on a Mission Program. Jones was inspired by 23 year old evangelist / missionary Nicole R. Banks, a young African American residing in Los Angeles who is currently in

Africa working with children with AIDS. "Michael Jackson loved children. He was always giving and sharing his love. I think my contribution would have made him happy. Ms. Banks is a true example of selflessness and her work is to be commended," notes Jones.

Jones, who has received no formal training, possesses the uncanny ability to capture the aura of his subjects with his remarkable airbrush techniques. His works are indeed hauntingly beautiful as the imagery almost dances off the canvas. After securing the autographs from Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Taylor, almost by chance, in 2002 at a Laguna Beach celebrity event, Jones was commissioned by Jackson a few years later to paint several works, including two 15 foot murals at the Neverland Ranch.

Jones' autographed Michael Jackson/Elizabeth Taylor airbrushed portrait is simply magnificent to gaze upon. The untitled work is 36" x 48" with each autograph emblazoned in bold silver ink and measuring 12 inches in length.

To preview the art and see additional work by Leon Jones, go now to <http://TheArtMan.com>. For more information on the "Music Icon's" auction held by Julien's Auctions go to <http://www.juliensauctions.com>.