CELEBRITY ESTATES FROM ERAS LONG PAST STILL COMMANDING HIGH VALUES

By Carolyn Mani, Beverly Hills

What do Frank Sinatra, John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe and James Dean have in common with Shirley Temple Black? All continue to have strong fan bases to this day and continue to bring wide interest for their property at auction.

Heritage Auctions dubbed the estate auction of The Personal Property of Shirley Temple Black as “Shirley Temple At Home” as it included items from the legendary actress's personal collection and film career.

“Shirley Temple smiled and danced her talented way into the nation’s heart at a time when there was little hope for prosperity,” said Carolyn Mani, Consignment Director and Trust & Estates representative in Heritage Auctions’ Beverly Hills offices. “We are proud to represent Shirley’s family and honored to offer a collection of special items spanning her entire life.”

As an actress, singer and dancer, Shirley Temple was Hollywood’s number one box-office star from 1935 to 1938. As an adult, Shirley Temple Black served as U.S. Ambassador both to Ghana and to Czechoslovakia, and as the first woman U.S. Chief of Protocol. The property being offered at Heritage was consigned directly from Shirley’s family.

The Personal Property of Shirley Temple Black auction, which included her personal collections, outfits, U.S. diplomat awards and other keepsakes, was 100% sold and well exceeded pre-auction expectations by selling for over $1.6 million.

A selection of jewelry in Heritage’s Fine Holiday Jewelry Auction sold for more than $1 million. A cherished Tiffany & Co. diamond, platinum brooch, worn by Shirley Temple
both Temple and her mother Gertrude, sold for $250,000, and her 8.43 carat diamond, platinum ring, given to her by her father, sold for $137,500.

A dedicated auction of Temple’s personal property sold for $648,000. Members of Shirley’s Army, a fan club devoted to “America’s Little Darling”, who attended the auction, jumped up, hugged each other and cheered when a pair of her childhood tap shoes sold for $20,000, as well as when a small, red tambourine used by Shirley’s mother to teach her timing and rhythm for dancing sold for $2,500.

Temple’s Tiffany Studios Nasturtium leaded glass table lamp sold for $62,500 and a 1939 black and white photo signed to Temple by Walt Disney — showing his famous, seven-figure Academy Award for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs — ended at $32,500. A drawing by Charles Schulz, dedicated to Temple and featuring his famous Snoopy character, sold for $16,500.

“This was delightful to see a packed auction room crowded with Shirley Temple’s most ardent fans,” said Mani. “Bidders flew in from all over the nation and as far away as Australia to participate in the auction.” Internet and telephone bidders were also very well represented at the event.

Collectors perused in on the most personal items, including a whimsical Art Deco diamond, ruby, platinum broochlet given to her by actor Bill “Bojangles” Robinson that sold for $40,000. Temple and Robinson are still recognized as cinema’s first interracial couple to dance on-screen.

Collectors bid to own her home furnishings as well. A 14th century Umbrian Baroque Carved Walnut Refectory Table, with solid provenance from the William Randolph Hearst Collection, sold for $10,000. A circa 1940, Eight-Piece Walter Lamb Group of Bronze Verdigris Patio Furniture, circa 1940 ended at $9,375 and a Spanish Baroque Library Table from the early 18th century sold for $6,875.

“Few people realize that Ambassador Black was a lifelong collector,” Mani said. “Her impeccable eye and love of interior decorating resulted in a diverse and extraordinary selection of furnishings either purchased by or given directly to her during her lifetime.”

Selling celebrities estates comes with its own special parameters. Since the well-known figure is no longer around to authenticate the property, the auction house must rely on the memories of the family, screen images or photographs to ensure that authenticity is valid.

There is also a duty of the estate/trustee, as well as the auctioneer, to ensure that the sale is extensively advertised and that due diligence is performed to ensure that the material is well presented to the general public. For celebrities of long gone eras — there is always the question as to how much of a following still remains.

Heritage has worked with several important estates and celebrity collections in the past several years including those of John Wayne, Whitney Houston, Farah Faucet, Sylvester Stallone, Whoopi Goldberg and many others. Heritage’s extensive marketing and advertising strategies allow us to accurately assess and bring to auction such uncommon — but often times quite common — collections with outstanding results for all of our clients worldwide.

Many celebrity estates contain personal mementos which represent a lifetime of collecting and gifts from other notable figures. This frequently is a difficult area to assess the fair market and or estate tax values since there are usually no direct comparables with the associated provenance.

It is important to start the values of the property at the intrinsic level and allow the market to determine the final worth. A great example of this was John Wayne driver’s license which was sold by Heritage in 2011 at a modest pre-sale estimate of $1,000 to $1,500, but after much spirited bidding it sold for an amazing $89,000 when the hammer fell. Time and time again in the auction world we see results which astound collectors and even the “experts” due to the fan base and “star” power of a specific celebrity.
WINE
This year proved to be a banner year for the Wine department. The highlight was a coveted single owner sale, titled "Return of the Apex Collection," consisting of over 2,000 lots of the finest and rarest wines. This is the second stand-alone sale offered in conjunction with this consigner. Based in Orange County, this businessman and wine aficionado has one of the world’s greatest wine collections and a cellar comprising more than 600,000 bottles. The Apex auction set world records for rare Burgundies and Rhone wines, and was 96% sold with the sale total of $1.7 million exceeding the estimates by a margin of nearly 30%.

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COINS
For 2016, Heritage Auctions total auction sales exceeded $260 million — more than all other U.S.-based auction companies combined. The U.S. rare coin market was dominated this year by the return of the collector. After several years of waiting on the sidelines while dealers and investors bought the “trophy coins” from major auctions, collectors purchased the majority of major rarities offered at public auction. The highlights of the year reflect this, and similar results were seen at all price points.

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In September Heritage sold the complete collection of varieties of 1794 cents assembled by noted collector Alan Boka. The 58 different varieties sold for $1.8 million.

The top lot for 2016 was the 1894-S Dime, Branch Mint PR66. Only 24 pieces were recorded struck by the San Francisco Mint, and a mere nine examples are known today. This is the finest example known, which secured its selling price of $1,997,500 in the January FUN U.S. Coins Auction in Tampa. The runner up was a 1792 Disme in Silver, Judd-9, AUS0. The disme is an incredibly rare coin, with only three known to exist in the world. This is clearly the finest of those three pieces, proven by its sale for $998,750 in the April 27–May 1st U.S. Coins Signature® Auction in Chicago.

DECORATIVE ARTS
The Estate of Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley contributed more than 100 pieces of carefully curated, beautiful Tiffany glass to Heritage’s November auction of Art Nouveau and Art Deco Including Tiffany, Lalique & Art Glass. Her Tiffany Scarab lamp more than doubled its estimate to hammer for $10,500. The highest ranking woman in the Nixon Administration, Bentley went on to be a member of Congress for a decade, representing her home state of Maryland. Pieces from her porcelain collection, including Meissen figures, will be featured in Heritage’s February 2017 Decorative Arts Auction.

Recent Decorative Arts auctions have also featured property from the impeccably curated Dr. Sidney and Mr. George Perutz Collection, The Liz Claiborne and Arthur Ortenberg Collection of Tribal Art, the very first dedicated Viktor Schreckengost Auction of 20th Century Art and Design, and over 300 fine and decorative art lots from the Estate of Richard “Dick” Bass. Bass, the noted Texas oil baron, was the first man to climb the “Seven Summits,” the tallest mountains on each continent.

LUXURY
Four Signature®Auctions were held in 2016, the luxury accessories category continues to grow at rapid speed and is poised to add a fifth sale in 2017. With multiple lots exceeding $100,000, the allure of the elusive Hermès Birkin and Kelly continue to drive interest from around the world.

In February, an estate handbag with regal history was offered: a Hermès Shiny Vert Emerald Crocodile Kelly was originally a gift from Bengt Olof Akerren, the Swedish Ambassador to London, Vienna and Geneva, to Baroness Marta Bengtsdotter Thott, nee Vinstorpaatten, in the mid-1960’s. A true collector’s piece, this Kelly sold for $60,000.

April 2016 offered another Hermès Shiny Vert Emerald Kelly, this particular handbag featured 18k white gold hardware accented with over five carats of round brilliant diamonds. Selling for $87,500, this is among the rarest of the Hermès collection.

Also selling in April 2016, at $125,000, was a Hermès Limited Edition 30cm Matte Crocodile So Black Birkin, the most elusive of the entire So Black series. Featuring a sleek black body and black PVD hardware, the So Black handbags are rare, collectible, and modern.

And finally, what is often referred to as the Holy Grail of handbags, a 35cm Hermès Matte White Himalayan Crocodile Birkin sold for $100,000. Named for the eponymous mountain range, the beautiful ombre coloration, from gray to white, is the pinnacle in any collection.

1792 Birch Cent, Judd-5, MS61 Brown Finer of Only Two Pieces Known Ex: Norweb, Patrick Sold for: $517,000 | August 2016

1920-S Double Eagle, Majestic MS65 Ex: Dallas Bank Collection The Akers and Bowers Plate Coin High Condition Census. Sold for: $57,000 | October 2016

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JEWELRY

A highlight of the year in jewelry was the sale of a chic pair of hammered gold cuff bracelets by Van Cleef & Arpels, personally given by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to Nina Gourcuff in the November 2016 Heritage Auction of Jewelry. The bracelets were estimated to fetch $125,000 and sold for $670,000, setting a world record for Tiffany & Co. jewelry.

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SPORTS

The Sports Collectibles division of Heritage Auctions recorded the most successful fiscal year in the history of the industry in 2016, building upon over a decade of sustained growth to surpass $56 million in annual sales. Beyond the standard roster of four quarterly catalog auctions, Sports added five more stand-alone events to the calendar, including a pair of sales dedicated to the recently departed boxing legend Muhammad Ali and another two auctions featuring elite trading card sets.

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Competitive bidding achieves true market value. Unlike traditional listings, an auction captures the market for a given property and buyers determine the selling price. Our wide-reaching marketing campaigns bring together an interested pool of international buyers and sellers based on the qualities of each individual property. Sellers will know they have captured the market and left no stone unturned and buyers understand they will pay the best value possible when bidding against a group of qualified buyers.

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Real Estate Auctions with Heritage are simple, efficient and transparent. From start to finish, the luxury real estate team will work with both buyers and sellers to ensure they experience none of the stress and complications that often come with traditional home sales. Our team provides due diligence packages, which include fully detailed information on the property from third party expert inspection reports to tax records, all the way down to architect’s drawings. We pride ourselves on the transparency of our bidding procedures and we work with each buyer individually to make sure they understand the value of the property.

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Suppose you recently inherited your grandmother’s Tiffany & Co. diamond ring, do you have enough insurance coverage for your new treasure? Will your homeowner’s policy cover it or do you need a supplementary rider? And since insurance values are very different from the fair market values the IRS uses for taxes, you absolutely want to be sure you are adequately insured.

An appraisal at the time of death is also important to establish a step up in basis, as an appraisal now could help a client save multiple headaches and taxes in the future. I have worked with many clients who have inherited family heirlooms, kept the items for a number of years, decided to sell a few of the items, and then cheered when those items sold for record-breaking prices. Well, without an appraisal to establish the value of the items at the time of inheritance, the client could be subject to a significant amount of capital gains. Ouch! The client could pay to have an appraiser perform a retroactive appraisal to establish the step up in basis, but this is often a time-consuming and expensive process to recreate data from years prior.

Most of all, it is always a good idea to know exactly what you have so you can take care of it properly. You never want to be the one who threw away the 1952 Topps Mickey Mantle baseball card, only to find out it could be worth over a million dollars.

For a confidential consultation to discuss your appraisal needs, contact Meredith Meuwly, Director of Appraisal Services, at MeredithM@HA.com or 214.409.1631.
SAFETY FIRST: THE TRANSFER OF FIREARMS AND THE CASE FOR GUN TRUSTS

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There’s a widespread misconception that the only gun owners in need of special consideration for firearms in their estate planning are those individuals who own a very valuable collection (i.e., expensive, antique) or those with specific NFA-regulated firearms (fully automatic machine guns, noise suppressors, etc.) — but that is not always the case.

While those collectors certainly need advanced planning, many more individuals need at least some planning considerations in place within their basic estate plan.

Any firearm in an estate transfer — a simple revolver, pistol, hunting rifle, etc. — can present problems for the personal representative or trustee. Risks can be averted, but to do so calls for extra attention and scrutiny by the estate planner and client. Without special care, things could go very wrong.

Let’s look at one scenario:

In administering Grandpa’s estate, the trustee, an old family friend, distributes Grandpa’s prized Winchester rifle to his grandson, the beneficiary. Unbeknownst to the trustee, the grandson/beneficiary is subject to a restraining order. The trustee, in turn, may be liable for committing a first-class felony for transferring a firearm to someone who cannot lawfully possess one. If convicted, the trustee could face a personal fine up to $250,000 and imprisonment up to 10 years. Finally, Grandpa’s prized rifle would also be subject to confiscation.

As this scenario illustrates, the consequences of insufficient planning and oversight in the transfer of a firearm can be extreme. How best to mitigate the risks? First, be sure the question “Do you own any firearms?” is a part of your estate planning checklist. If the answer is yes, make sure to incorporate special protective language in the will or trust, to assure a smooth transfer of the firearm(s) while meeting all federal and state legal requirements.

Protective language should include specific instructions to the trustee to verify that the beneficiary is a lawful firearm recipient (a signed and sworn affidavit that he/she meets both federal and state requirements to lawfully possess a firearm).

A more sophisticated solution often applied to more specialized or valuable collections or NFA-regulated firearms would be to draft and execute a Firearms Trust or Gun Trust (also called NFA Gun Trusts or NFA Firearms Trusts). These advanced strategies allow the trust to own and receive the firearms and establish a qualified trustee to maintain custody of the firearms. This trustee is typically an experienced gun owner who can properly maintain and securely store those firearms.

As any experienced gun owner will tell you, whenever you hand a gun to another person be sure the safety’s on. That same “safety first” principle applies in an estate transfer. There are many benefits of a gun trust. Discuss with your clients who own firearms the importance of special protective language in their estate planning documents. Safety, security, peace of mind — it’s all in the planning.

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Heritage Auctions has expanded its operations in June by opening an office located on Royal Palm Way in the heart of Palm Beach. Now serving the region’s growing base of collectors and consignors, Heritage Auctions Florida branch also provides customized services for high net-worth individuals, and the Trust and Estate community.

Tracy Sherman will be based in Heritage Auction’s Palm Beach office and is a Director of Fine Jewelry. Tracy began her career more than 20 years ago at Sotheby’s in New York City where she auctioned the estates of Ella Fitzgerald and George Burns, and was an integral player in the jewelry auctions for the Duchess of Windsor, Andy Warhol and Jackie Kennedy Onassis. More recently, Tracy has owned a jewelry brokerage business, both buying and selling jewelry to help refine her clients’ collections. Additionally, she is USPAP certified to ensure compliance with today’s insurance and IRS requirements.

Backed by Heritage Auctions’ Trust and Estate experts (many of whom you have likely met in past years at Hackerling and other conferences), the new Florida team offers a personalized approach and seamless experience in estate evaluations and divestiture of personal assets. The Palm Beach office can assist fiduciary professionals and their clients with estate tax and insurance appraisals, the development of sale and marketing plans for auction or private treaty sales, and consignment management services.

Heritage Auction announces the opening of its newest US office in Chicago in January of 2017. The Chicago office is located in the historic River North neighborhood just two blocks off the main expressway, making it very convenient not just for Chicagoleans and suburban clients, but for clients from all over the Midwest. Heritage Auctions will be able to service Midwestern Trust and Estate professionals easily from the new Chicago location, offering specialists in more than 40 categories and broad range of services including appraisals.

Roberta Kramer will be heading the Chicago office; she brings a deep range of varied experience to her position with Heritage. In 2001, she founded Roberta Kramer & Associates, Inc., an appraisal and art consultation firm. Before that, she worked in various functions for Rosenthal Fine Art, Rita Buchheit, Ltd., Leslie Hindman Auctioneers and Susanin’s Auctions. Mrs. Kramer has worked with Trust and Estates professionals for over 20 years, performing certified USPAP compliant federal estate tax appraisals as well as appraisals for equitable distribution, non-cash charitable donations and estate liquidation services. Mrs. Kramer has managed estate planning for art collections for many banks and legal firms in the Chicago area.

“The opportunity to help Heritage grow its operation in Chicago and throughout the Midwest is one I absolutely look forward to,” said Kramer. “I have years of expertise and an extensive network of contacts in a diverse array of specialties — from antique furniture and tribal artifacts to modern sculpture and everything in between — that I’ll be drawing on to make Heritage Chicago a broad success.”

Heritage Auctions was proud to be a sponsor, along with presenting sponsor Northern Trust, of Expo 2016 in Chicago. A world-class international art fair, Expo brought 145 art galleries from 22 countries and 53 cities to Chicago this September. Heritage was a sponsor of the VIP breakfast at the Art Institute of Chicago. Heritage also co-sponsored, along with Kavi Gupta Gallery, a fabulous VIP Friday evening artist themed party at the chef Michael Kornick’s legendary MK restaurant, a fabulous event with 200 collectors, museum trustees, curators, trust professionals and artists in attendance.

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