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CELEBRITIES HONOR THE ACTORS STUDIO IN ITS FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

The first Actors Studio Celebrity Auction will take place Monday, September 20th at Christie's, 502 Park Avenue, to honor the world-famous Studio now celebrating its 46th year.

Celebrities from every field--film, theatre, television, dance, photography, music, sports--are now contributing items to go up for sale at what promises to be Christie's' first big benefit auction of the fall season.

Auction-goers will be competing in a bidding war for extraordinary film items like Studio member Al Pacino's Marine uniform jacket from *Scent of a Woman*, Jack Nicholson's "Joker" glove from *Batman*, Clint Eastwood's tweed jacket from *Dirty Harry*, Michael Douglas' suit from *Wall Street* and Angelica Huston's slinky black "Morticia" dress from *The Addams Family*. While Madonna has sent her own slinky black dress from the Blonde Ambition Tour.

A prize lot from Broadway's *A Streetcar Named Desire* and its recent revival starring Alec Baldwin pairs the star's Stanley Kowolski shirt from 1993 with a priceless memento from the original production--a beautifully engraved gold watch that belonged to the play's Director and Studio founder Elia Kazan. (Not to mention a Western hat from the man who started it all--*Streetcar's* playwright, Tennessee Williams.)

More priceless memorabilia--including Director Arthur Penn's original, annotated script from his classic film, *Bonnie and Clyde*, Dennis Hopper's jacket from *Blue Velvet*, Gene Hackman's sheriff's hat from *Unforgiven*, and Cyndi Lauper's guitar-- have been arriving from around the world at The Studio in New York's theatre district.

Actors Studio President and Champion Race Car Driver Paul Newman is donating one of his special racing suits, embossed and embroidered with his name. Joanne Woodward has given the dress she wore in the 1964 play *Baby Want a Kiss*, which was directed by Frank Corsaro now The Studio's Artistic Director. It was the only time she and husband Paul Newman ever appeared together on Broadway,

The above are just a few of the more than 150 celebrities participating. Also represented are film legends Marlene Dietrich, Marilyn Monroe, Bette Davis, Joan Crawford and Princess Grace. The New York Knicks and sports greats Mark Messier and Frank Gifford have already sent in autographed items, as have Studio members Warren Beatty, Ellen Burstyn, Shelley Winters, Sylvia Miles and Norman Mailer and stars like Katherine Hepburn and Robert Redford. The worlds of dance and opera are represented by Barishnikov, Pavarotti and Beverly Sills. Also signing on are showbiz icons like Michael Jackson, Mick Jagger, Whitney Houston and Barbra Streisand.

Trips being auctioned include a spectacular week at the grandest private residence in Venice, the Villa Volpi. This along with spa packages, a ski week in Sundance, as well as walk-on parts, backstage tours, and dinners and lunches with stars top off a star-studded event -- all of which will be presided over by Christopher Burge, Christie's President and Principal Auctioneer.

The Actors Studio Celebrity Auction is being organized by Marilyn Fried, Jacqueline Knapp, other members of the Actors Studio and overseen by President Paul Newman and Executive Director, Patty Ewald.

Tickets to THE ACTORS STUDIO CELEBRITY AUCTION and a gala champagne reception are by reservation only. For further information contact Nancy Jones, Coordinating Chair, The Actors Studio, 432 West 44th St. New York, NY 10036. (212) 757-0870. FAX (212) 397-1596.

dress from her first "Passion" campaign. As well as Raquel Welch's daring stars-and stripes bathing suit from *Myra Breckinridge*.

Count Giovanni Volpi is donating for the first time his spectacular private villa in Venice as a one-week dream holiday for 14 lucky people--Boat and driver included! Another trip abroad is a 4-night/London Theatre package--two people fly to London, stay in a luxury Rank Hotel and attend the theatre with *New Yorker* theatre critic, John Lahr. In counterpoint there's an utterly private two-week Mediterrean holiday on the ancient island of Cyprus, where two couples will nestle in a charming vintner's farmhouse owned by the former head of The Cyprus National Theatre. Also a spectacular ski week offered at Sundance, Robert Redford's Western home to Hollywood stars--two people stay at Carlin Glynn and Peter Masterson's fabulous cottage right at the slopes.

Some lucky person will win a tango lesson with Robert Duvall. Or spend "60 Minutes with Ed Bradley at "60 Minutes." Norman and Norris Mailer will host a dinner party at their home for six winning bidders. Screenwriter William Goldman will entertain another four at his apartment for drinks and take them to dinner at a restaurant to discuss the film business. And Dec. 31st brings two guest invitations to Lee Grant and Joey Feury's annual star-filled New Year's Eve Party at their New York apartment.

One hundred fifty celebrities are represented: a luxurious evening dress from Marc Bohan, Christian Dior, circa 1965, has been donated by Prince Albert of Monaco for his mother, Princess Grace; three rare vintage photographs of Marlene Dietrich from the 1930's have been given by her grandson from his personal collection. And some witty red satin criss-cross pumps worn by both Shelley Winters and Marilyn Monroe when they were roomates in Hollywood. "We shared shoes, bathing suits and sometimes boyfriends," Shelley says in her note. "What a happy time."

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Items for The Actors Studio Celebrity Auction, Monday
September 20, 1993.-- Christie's, 502 Park Avenue,
Christopher Burge, Auctioneer.

Pavorotti has sent a handkerchief, signed, from his Central Park
Concert, 6/26/93.

Actors Studio President, Champion Race Car Driver Paul Newman
has donated one of his special racing suits, (royal blue) embossed and
embroidered with his name.

Elizabeth Taylor has just sent the Nolan Miller outfit (lavender
embroidered top and satin skirt) she wore for her first Passion print
campaign in 1985.

APHRODITE'S DREAM VACATION

Four people will enjoy a romantic two-week Mediterranean holiday
on the ancient island of Cyprus and stay in a charming, antique-filled
two-bedroom farmhouse nestled in the foothills of Mt. Olympus.