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TATTOO ART

The Peter Mui Collection At Auction

*More Than One Thousand Works Of Original Tattoo Art to Be Sold
November 13 & 14*

NEW YORK – New York City-based auction house [Guernsey's](#), well-known for producing many unusual auctions, will be conducting an unprecedented auction of the Peter Mui Collection of Original Tattoo Art this November 13 & 14 in Manhattan's hip Meatpacking District. The late Mr. Mui was a highly-regarded fashion designer, actor, and musician; the sale is being conducted on behalf of his family.

The Mui Collection, which will be sold in more than one thousand unreserved lots, is believed to be the largest collection of original Tattoo Art by what many consider to be the world's most accomplished Tattoo artists. For over fifteen years Mui traveled the globe, seeking out the top Tattoo masters of every style. His collection consists of original works on art board, canvas, and paper by noteworthy artists such as Japan's Horiyoshi III, Horitomo, Horitoyo, and Horitaka; Swiss artist Filip Leu; American Traditional Tattoo icon Bob Roberts; Spain's Tattoo realist Robert Hernandez; Biomechanical Tattoo pioneers Guy Aitchison and Aaron Cain; and Tribal Tattoo artists Leo Zulueta and Roger Ingerton.

The majority of the art in the Mui Collection exists as full (often vivid) color, torso-sized original paintings consisting of extraordinary images and designs. Smaller images known as "Flash Art" will also be included in the sale. Other than this unique auction, examples of original Tattoo Art can be found in a number of the world's leading museums.

Although the use of Tattoos to adorn the human body pre-dates recorded history, it is over the last several decades that the art of Tattooing has gained true international recognition. No longer limited to smaller and simpler designs applied to a very few, today one need not go far to encounter Tattoo enthusiasts who proudly display far more extravagant images and designs that often cover extensive portions of their bodies.

With the proliferation of Tattoo Art, it is no surprise that a select group of Tattoo artists have risen to exalted positions, generating large groups of admirers.

Though their work was mostly limited to body applications, Mui was successful in appealing to the finest mainstream artists and ultimately responsible for making their creations recognized as the world's finest collection of Tattoo Art. His sudden and premature passing in 2009 left his family with his massive, archivally-maintained, totally unique collection. Inasmuch as Mui was an active buyer at Guernsey's events and was a personal friend of Arlan Ettinger, Guernsey's president, it was only natural that the Collection go in the direction of the New York-based auction house.

Glimpses of the dynamic Tattoo Art from the Mui Collection can be found at www.guernseys.com. Both the preview days (November 11 & 12) and auction sessions (November 13 & 14) will be taking place at 22 Little West 12th Street. For media inquiries or to request an interview, please contact Raquel Hochroth at 212.255.6395 or Maggie Beaudouin at 212.255.8455.

ABOUT GUERNSEY'S

In its fortieth year, Guernsey's has built a reputation as the auction house known for representing the most extraordinary properties. From the largest auction in history (the ocean liner S.S. United States) to vintage racing cars on to artwork from the Soviet Union, pre-Castro Cuban cigars, and the \$3 million-dollar baseball, the firm has few rivals when it comes to the presentation of wildly diverse artwork and artifacts. The John F. Kennedy, Franklin Roosevelt, Princess Diana, Elvis Presley, Jerry Garcia, John Coltrane, Dick Clark, Mickey Mantle, and the Beatles events were all conducted by Guernsey's.

Guernsey's is particularly proud of its work with the Library of Congress in the preservation of the complete Rosa Parks Archive. In the midst of its series devoted to the legendary, Holocaust-related poster collection of Dr. Hans Sachs, other upcoming sales in 2015 include Historic Artifacts from the Kennedy White House, Atocha Undersea Treasures, and a remarkable, recently-discovered work by Pablo Picasso.

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