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“I look around now and see those awards in my trophy case. I'm proud; they remind me of the cheers. I still hear them.”

—Mickey Mantle

### The Mickey Mantle Auction

Madison Square Garden, New York City. On December 8, 2003 Guernsey's auction house is honored to represent the Mantle family in the offering of significant artifacts from the career of the legendary baseball player Mickey Mantle. Arguably the most admired and beloved sports figure of our time, the sale of Mantle's personal treasures should be one of the most extraordinary events in auction history.

Many sports fans, collectors and those who simply found Mickey's unprecedented accomplishments inspirational, will be thrilled when they see the caliber of material included in the auction, says Arlan Ettinger, president of Guernsey's.

The sale will include two of Mantle's three MVP (Most Valuable Player) trophies, many home run baseballs, the silver bat awarded for his 1956 batting crown, several of his baseball gloves and his contracts for each year he played ball.

Ettinger added, “The auction contains Mantle's contract for playing with the minor league Independence (Missouri) Yankees and then all eighteen of his contracts with the New York Yankees including his rookie year (1951) and the three MVP years (1956, 1957 and 1962.) What is particularly wonderful is the fact that many of these rarities come directly from the family's showcases and are accompanied by pertinent period photographs. A trophy awarded to Mick by the Little Leaguers of the Bronx, for example, is accompanied by a photograph of Mickey receiving the award from those same Little Leaguers in the 1950's on the playing field at Yankee Stadium. Some of Mick's home run baseballs come with photographs of the Yankee legend holding the ball in the locker room following the game.

The auction will be held in two sessions (afternoon and evening) on Monday, December 8th following a weekend preview (December 6th and 7th) also at Madison Square Garden. Guernsey's has produced what those who have seen advance copies describe as one of the most exciting auction catalogues ever. Virtually every one of the nearly three hundred lots are pictured as are many previously unpublished images of Mantle before and during his career. There are also many family scenes with photographs of Mantle's four sons and his high school sweetheart and wife, Merlyn. Several of Mick's Hall of Fame friends have written warm recollections of their teammate.

Mickey Mantle lives on in the hearts of millions. With this in mind, the Mantle family is proud to be sharing some of Mickey's most cherished objects with his legions of fans. Those unable to attend live at the Garden can participate as absentee bidders by telephone

or on eBay. For complete information about the auction and to order the catalogue (\$40 by priority mail), visit Guernsey's website, [www.guernseys.com](http://www.guernseys.com) or contact the auction house directly at 212-794-2280, fax 212-744-3638 or by email at "auctions@guernseys.com."

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