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Beluga Whales Auction

Unique August auction to help endangered Beluga Whales and the Mystic Aquarium

August 19

On August 19th, an unprecedented auction is taking place to help Connecticut's Mystic Aquarium fund its recent efforts to rescue five endangered Beluga Whales. Among the fascinating lots being offered are the naming rights for three of the Belugas.

In a widely reported news story from earlier this year, the Mystic Aquarium - North America's foremost institution dedicated to researching and protecting ocean life - took extraordinary steps (including the use of a giant-sized Air Force C-130 cargo plane) to secure the future of these beautiful, highly intelligent whales. Under the careful watch of the Aquarium's veterinarians, the Belugas will soon be entering their new habitat in Mystic.

To help fund this multi-million dollar effort, Guernsey's is conducting a much needed auction. And yes, three of the lots are "naming rights" to three of the Belugas. The successful "naming" bidders will also be receiving a beautiful bronze sculpture of a Beluga created for the occasion by highly accomplished artist, Dan Ostermiller.

Among the other offerings are several extremely rare vintage carved wooden carousel Greyhound dogs and one of the original carousel horses from New York City's famed 1908 Central Park carousel. Other lots range from a stunning Porsche Speedster replica (great vintage looks with modern technology), two Vespa motor scooters, a Beetle Cat sailboat, wonderful paintings and sculptural works by noted artists and even prized tickets to the finals at the US Open Tennis Tournament!

A few seats remain for the gala live auction at the Aquarium where entertainment will include Bob Marley's original Wailer's (Wailer - Whaler!) Can't attend in person? Bid online at LiveAuctioneers.com (the online catalogue will be appearing on August 5th).

To attend the Gala, bid in absentia or discuss a potential donation, please contact Guernsey's, 212-794-2280 / belugas@guernseys.com

ABOUT GUERNSEY'S

In its forty-fourth 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 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. The auction house is particularly proud of its work with the Library of Congress in the preservation of the complete Rosa Parks Archive.