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Marilyn Monroe -Happy Birthday Mr President Dress- For \$4,800,000 at Julien s

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USPA NEWS - Julien's Auctions, the world-record-breaking auction house to the stars has sold the world's most iconic dress of all time "" The 'Happy Birthday Mr. President' dress worn by Marilyn Monroe on Saturday, May 19, 1962, at a Democratic fundraiser and early 45th birthday celebration for...

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When Marilyn appeared and the dress was finally revealed the entire audience gasped.

All in all, Marilyn's performance lasted approximately 30 seconds, but more than five decades later, it remains the most famous version of 'Happy Birthday' ever. The dress, the performance, Jacqueline Kennedy's absence and photographs from the evening would spark ravenous rumors of an affair between the President and Marilyn.

'We have had remarkable opportunities to offer unique objects related to Marilyn Monroe in the past,' said Martin Nolan, Executive Director of Julien's Auctions. 'Tonight is one of the most remarkable events in Julien's Auctions history and one we will never forget.'

The dress was presented on the custom made mannequin that was designed to match Marilyn Monroe's exact body measurements.

Other highlights of this first day of a three-day auction of Marilyn Monroe personal and career items included :

- * the 'Some Like it Hot' cocktail dress which sold for \$450,000;
- * a Marilyn Monroe 'Rose Tattoo' premiere gown sold for \$125,000;
- * a pair of Marilyn Monroe owned Ferragamo shoes sold for \$34,000;
- * the Marilyn Monroe 'Niagara' negligee sold for \$59,000;
- * a Marilyn Monroe owned rhinestone bracelet sold for \$18,750;
- * a group of Marilyn Monroe owned magazines sold for \$10,000;
- * the 'No Business Like Show Business' gown sold for \$81,000;
- * the Marilyn Monroe 'Bus Stop' costume , studio image and tear sheet sold for \$100,000;
- * a Marilyn Monroe the "Prince and the Showgirl"[\[?\]](#) gown and window card sold for \$75,000;
- * a Marilyn Monroe program from President Kennedy's 1962 Birthday Celebration sold for \$12,500;
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* a Marilyn Monroe received letter from Jean Kennedy Smith sold for \$28,000;

* a Bob Mackie sketch of the Happy Birthday Mr. President gown sold for \$10,000.

Julien's Auctions continued to host The Collections of Marilyn Monroe auctions on Friday and Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. The three-day auction event continued through Saturday, November 19, 2016.

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