

## **MARILYN MONROE'S WEDDING SUIT, WORN WHEN SHE MARRIED JOE DIMAGGIO, TO BE SOLD AT SOTHEBY'S COCKTAIL SALE**

***Suit was a Gift to Marilyn's Friend, Amy Greene-Andrews, Wife of Celebrity Photographer, Milton Greene***

August 16, 1999, New York, N.Y. - The suit worn by Marilyn Monroe when she married Joe DiMaggio, will be offered for sale by Sotheby's Fashion Department in their Cocktail sale on Thursday, September 30, 1999. The glamorous two-piece ensemble is expected to sell for between \$15/20,000. The simple brown wool suit with white mink collar and rhinestone buttons, appears in the popular photo of her and Joe DiMaggio pushing through a crowd of reporters outside San Francisco City Hall where they were married on January 14, 1954\*. Marilyn was in such a rush to get married that she sent an important Hollywood dresser to Saks Fifth Avenue to shop for her. She later gave the famous suit to her good friend Amy Greene-Andrews in the 1950s, when they were sorting through boxes, stored for Marilyn at the Greene's house.

"This iconic suit is the definitive example of the huge fashion influence that Marilyn Monroe's effortless style and beauty had in Hollywood," said Tiffany Dubin, Director of Sotheby's Fashion Department.

In addition to the suit, Amy Greene-Andrews and the Archives of Milton H. Greene, have collaborated to create a Marilyn-collectors 'dream lot'. The lot will include a rhinestone suite of jewelry which Marilyn Monroe wore at a charity event at the old Madison Square Garden in 1955. Marilyn had been involved in a complicated lawsuit with 20th Century Fox and this was her first public event for six months. She arrived during the grand finale Circus Parade riding a pink elephant and wearing the earrings, bracelets and the collar. The suite of jewelry, and photographs taken by Milton Greene of Marilyn standing in her dressing room and riding in on the elephant, both authenticated and signed by Milton Greene's son, Joshua Greene, are estimated at \$10/15,000.

The Marilyn Monroe suit, suite of jewelry and photographs, along with other highlights from the Cocktail sale, will be exhibited in the windows of Bergdorf Goodman on Fifth Avenue, from Friday, September 10 through Thursday, September 23, 1999.

\* This picture is available, courtesy of UPI / CORBIS-BETTMANN, from Sotheby's Press Office.

### **AUCTION:**

Wednesday, September 30 at 7pm

### **EXHIBITION:**

Saturday, September 26 - 1pm to 5pm

Sunday, September 27 - 1pm to 5pm

Monday, September 28 - 10am to 5pm

Tuesday, September 29 - 10am to 5pm

Wednesday, September 30 - 10am to 1pm

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