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Elvis Presley: An important Mathey-Tissot gift watch owned and worn by Elvis

A gilt metal Mathey-Tissot automatic watch specially commissioned by Presley as gifts for his family, close friends, band members and certain staff. A customised self winding waterproof model, bezel marked 'Elvis Presley' in raised letters above four stars. Circular gilt dial with black and gold hour markers sweeping second hand and day and date display. Reverse stainless steel and with adjustable wrist band. Some time in 1969 or 1970 Elvis commissioned a Memphis jeweller, Harry Levitch, to customise a number of Mathey-Tissot watches that he wished to present to his close circle. The exact number of watches that Presley had made and presented personally are not clear, however, it would appear to be very few. The watch was not only an extremely generous gift, it also granted the wearer a privileged level of access to Elvis, his concerts and tours. Accompanied by Certificate of Authenticity (number 2001) from the Elvis Presley Museum and signed by Vince Everett stating that "... the following item belonging to Elvis is part of the Elvis Presley Museum Collection. It has been part of the world famous Vince Everett Collection, the largest collection of Elvis Presley items in the world... Elvis Presley watch made by Mathey Tissot of New York... given to members of Memphis Mafia and close personal friends." Complete with original box and Mathey-Tissot Certificate of Guarantee (17465). An extremely scarce and desirable item

Provenance:

Bonhams 22 April 1999 lot 1189 where stated as "personally owned and worn by Elvis"; whence purchased by the present owner.

€8,000-€10,000 (\$6,900-£8,620 approx)

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Elvis Presley: Famous T.C.B. (Taking Care of Business) custom made pendant gifted to a friend

A custom-made 14k gold pendant with the letters T C B above a lightning bolt referring to Presley's phrase - Taking Care of Business In A Flash. With letter on Shelby County Sheriff's Department headed paper from Thomas B. Morgan Jr. stating that "This necklace was obtained from Elvis by myself in December 1976. Elvis had these necklaces made for members of his inner circle of friends." Scarce and one of the most famous mementos relating to Elvis. 1.50 by 5in. (3.81 by 12.70cm)

Provenance:

Presented to Thomas B. Morgan Jr. by Elvis Presley; Private Collection; Bonhams 25 November 1998 lot 1145; whence purchased by the present owner.

€5,000-€7,000 (£4,310-£6,030 approx)

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Elvis Presley: Original performance photographs circa 1974

A set of four good quality monochrome photographs taken circa 1974 and showing Elvis performing in his well known Tiger jumpsuit. Framed 4.50 by 6in. (11.43 by 15.24cm)
€200-€300 (£170-£260 approx)

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Elvis Presley: Engraved Sovereign Watch gifted to Colonel Tom Parker

An Autowind Sovereign 17 Jewels adjustable watch with gilt. Gifted by Elvis to his manager Colonel Parker and engraved on the reverse "Colonel Always Elvis". Elvis was well known for his considerable generosity and this gift was no exception. The watch was presented by Elvis to his long time manager Colonel Tom Parker. Parker was central to the story of the rise of Elvis and has long been a controversial figure. He took over his management in 1955 and had him signed to RCA Victor shortly afterwards. Recognising the talent and marketability which Elvis possessed he helped make him a star. The Sovereign brand of watch was particularly popular during the 1950s and at an early stage in the relationship between Elvis and the Colonel. At a time when the median annual household income was approximately \$5,500 this watch cost over a weeks wages and was a generous gift by any standards. An extremely desirable piece and a scarce item concerning the relationship between Elvis and his manager

Provenance:

Bonhams & Brooks 13 September 2001 lot 319; whence purchased by the present owner

€8,000-€10,000 (\$6,900-£8,620 approx)

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Elvis Presley: Light blue signature concert scarf

A light blue scarf with the facsimile autograph of Elvis Presley. A signature item which he would throw to the audience during his performances in the 1970s. Complete with letter of provenance from Nancy Rook, Elvis' maid at Graceland. 33.50 by 33.50in. (85.09 by 85.09cm)

€500-€700 (£430-£600 approx)



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Elvis Presley: Autograph on Lido French cabaret club programme

Presley autograph in blue ballpoint on the reverse of a programme for Lido, the famous French cabaret in the Champs Élysée, Paris. An interesting item possibly signed in Las Vegas. 10.50 by 8in. (26.67 by 20.32cm)

€500-€700 (£430-£600 approx)

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Elvis Presley: Autographed performance photograph

A large framed monochrome photograph of Elvis performing. Signed in blue ink "Thanks Elvis Presley". An extremely desirable item. 9 by 7in. (22.86 by 17.78cm)

€800-€1,000 (£690-£860 approx)