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**Jackson's Glove, 'Star Trek' Creator's Apple Hit Auction Block**

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Oct. 6 (Bloomberg) -- Amelia Earhart's goggles, **Michael Jackson's** illuminated glove and "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry's Apple computer headline an auction this week of more than 1,000 items of Hollywood and historical memorabilia.

Sale host **Profiles in History**, a Calabasas, California-based auctioneer, expects the goggles to sell for \$100,000 to \$150,000, the glove for \$60,000 to \$80,000, and Roddenberry's computer for \$800 to \$1,200.

"These are three items that are incredibly iconic," **Joe Maddalena**, president of Profiles in History, said in an interview. "Each represents a real significant moment in our culture."

The sale, which runs Oct. 8-9, includes uniforms and props used in the "Star Trek" television shows and movies, costumes Jackson wore on stage and aerospace memorabilia -- including the baseball cap **Neil Armstrong** wore after Apollo 11's splashdown from the 1969 moon mission.

Aviation pioneer Earhart wore the goggles during her 1932 transatlantic flight, when she became the first person to cross the ocean twice and the first woman to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic. The trip also was the fastest transatlantic flight, breaking **Charles Lindbergh's** record. Earhart disappeared five years later during an attempt to circumnavigate the globe.

'Unconventional Nose'

The lot includes a typed, signed letter about the goggles that Earhart sent to aerial cinematographer Ray Fernstrom, whose son is selling the lot.

"That particular pair are rather historic," wrote Earhart, the subject of a movie starring **Hilary Swank** and **Richard Gere** being released Oct. 23. "Also they have grown accustomed to me, and cling around my unconventional nose more effectively than new ones."

The Jackson glove is one of only two **illuminating gloves** the pop star wore during the Jacksons' 1984 Victory tour, Profiles in History said. Designed by Ted Shell and given to him by Jackson in 1986, it's fitted with 50 small lights that "twinkle at random for added visual impact on stage," according to the auction catalog.

Maddalena said he had placed an estimate of \$60,000 to \$80,000 on the glove before Jackson's June 25 death, and didn't change the projected price when the item was put up for sale.

"I think that's a realistic value for what it is worth in the context of collectibles," he said. "Could it go for half a million dollars? It could go for anything."

Passing It Along

The Macintosh computer was given to Roddenberry by **Apple Inc.**, then called Apple Computer Inc., in the mid-1980s. Not long after, Roddenberry, who died in 1991, gave it to his son, Rod.

"I remember him showing me how to use it," said Rod Roddenberry, 35, chief executive officer of Studio City, California-based **Roddenberry Productions**.

Roddenberry said he doesn't recall his father writing any "Star Trek" scripts on the Macintosh, which was put up for auction by Gene Roddenberry's assistant, Richard Arnold.

Roddenberry Productions is in talks with Profiles in History to auction another Roddenberry computer -- an IBM used for writing "**Star Trek: The Next**

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**Generation**” scripts -- and donate the proceeds to **The Wonder of Reading**, a nonprofit group that helps renovate and stock libraries, said Trevor Roth, chief operating officer at the production company.

As for the Macintosh, Maddalena called it a “curiosity” that may appeal to both “Star Trek” fans and computer collectors.

“You have the ultimate connection between man’s continuing achievement in science with the creator of one of the great science-fiction television shows in history,” he said. “For it to be Gene Roddenberry’s is cool.”

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