

## **Press Release**

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## 1927 YANKEES TEAM-SIGNED PHOTOGRAGH, BABE RUTH GAME-USED BAT AND WAYNE GRETZKY JERSEY GARNER TOP BIDS IN SCP AUCTIONS' APRIL AUCTION

Other top lots included items from MLB greats Steve Garvey, Rollie Fingers and Bret Saberhagen

**Laguna Niguel, Calif.** (April 28, 2013) – A 1927 World Champion New York Yankees team-signed photograph sold for \$275,706; a Babe Ruth game-used bat sold for \$171,190; what is generally regarded as the finest Wayne Gretzky game jersey in the hobby went for \$110,293; Ray Nitschke's original 1967 Green Bay Packers Super Bowl II championship ring attracted a bid of \$91,151; and Gus Williams' 1979 Seattle Supersonics NBA World Championship ring sold for \$91,000 in SCP Auctions' April auction which concluded early Sunday. The auction, including more than 1,000 sports memorabilia items, brought in a total of more than \$5.1 million. All prices are inclusive of a 20 percent buyers' premium.

"This auction drew the largest number of collectors and total bids than any sale in SCP Auctions' history," said SCP Auction VP Dan Imler stated. "The passion that collectors have for top quality sports memorabilia and cards, particularly items with direct athlete provenance, is at an all-time high."

NBA great John Havlicek's collection of personal memorabilia garnered more than \$1 million in Session One of the auction that concluded early Saturday morning. Top lots included \$80,750.40 for his personal NBA 50 Greatest Players autographed lithograph and \$68,481.60 for his 1963 Boston Celtics World Championship ring.

Other highlights of the auction include:

- Bret Saberhagen's 1985 Kansas City Royals World Series Championship Ring \$73,409
- Steve Garvey's 1974 National League Most Valuable Player Award \$68,482
- Rollie Fingers' 1973 Oakland A's World Series Championship Ring \$56,501
- A special pair of LeBron James' game-worn sneakers that will benefit the <u>victims of the tragedy in Newtown, CT</u> through the <u>LeBron James Family Foundation</u> \$27,584

Full auction results are available at www.scpauctions.com.

## **About SCP Auctions**

SCP Auctions, Inc. has been a leader in brokering and auctions of important sports memorabilia and cards since 1979. The Southern California based firm conducts online auctions throughout the year, highlighted by their Premier Auctions in the spring and fall. SCP Auctions has handled some of the most significant individual items and prominent collections in their field, such as the record-setting sale of the earliest known jersey worn by New York Yankees legend Babe Ruth (\$4.4 million) the famed T206 Honus Wagner baseball card (\$2.8 million) and Babe Ruth's bat used to hit the first home run in Yankee Stadium (\$1.3 million). Interested bidders can call (800) 350-2273 or visit SCP Auctions online at www.SCPAuctions.com for more information on how to participate.

Note:

The winning bidders wish to remain anonymous at this time.