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Proclaiming "one location, two auction rings selling simultaneously, no limit to the fun!" McMasters Harris Auction Co. presented their much-anticipated Winter Antique & Vintage Doll Auction on February 14, 2009.

The location of this fast-paced, fun-filled auction was the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Antique French and German bisque, china, composition, papier mache, wooden and early cloth dolls from Out of the Attic collections, *plus* the remaining inventory of passionate Barbie collector Barbara Cannon of New Jersey, *plus* vintage composition and hard plastic dolls from the golden era of dolls *and* select modern artist dolls were all included. Buyers were encouraged to place bids via live Internet, absentee and in the live gallery.

The on-site gallery was huge, the pace was lively, the room was loud – a great time was had by all and by the fall of the last hammer, more than 1500 dolls and related items had found new homes.

A sampling:

A beautiful Simon & Halbig 1159 lady on a marked Heinrich Handwerck body sold for \$2875. A lovely 21" DEP child on a French body brought \$1725.

A captivating 11" Bahr & Proschild 536 bisque head character with painted eyes, wearing an old home-made crepe costume, commanded a high bid of \$2530. A diminutive black Simon & Halbig K*R bisque head girl with original mohair wig went for \$460 and an 11" Belton-type bisque head child went to a new home for \$550.

Other early items of interest in this wonderfully diverse auction included a 26" papier mache shoulder head doll circa 1850 (\$607), a pair of 7" composition Dutch children (\$522), a 32" hand-carved wooden mannequin (\$373), and six pairs of antique doll shoes (\$220). A rare early composition Dewees Cochran Original Portrait Doll sold for \$550.

Composition celebrity dolls were highly favored, as several all-original examples in amazing condition stirred spirited bidding. A nearly pristine Judy Garland as Dorothy, circa 1939, complete with seldom seen paper wrist tag, soared to a high bid of \$2300. Deanna Durbin, all original with wrist tag, changed hands for \$605. An adorable 14" Dionne Quintuplet toddler "Yvonne" went for \$632; her sister "Cecile" was won for \$287.

Several composition Shirley Temple dolls were in high demand, as a 17" Shirley Baby in original 1935 outfit in her labeled box brought \$1495, while an 18" Shirley toddler in tagged original clothing brought \$935. A 22" Shirley in the complete hard-to-find Texas Ranger outfit was won by a determined bidder for \$2400.

A same era 17" composition Jane Withers doll in tagged clothing sold for \$1092.

This auction included 19 desirable dolls by artist Annette Himstedt. Bidding was strong and prices were steady throughout: 28" Munira sold for \$402, as did 27"

Annika. 36" Ronja and 35" Mirte brought \$373 each, while 27" Alke and 33" Alani each sold for \$287.

Prices quoted include buyer's premium of 10% for gallery purchases and 15% for online and absentee purchases. Potential sellers are encouraged to contact Mark Harris at 740-297-0318 (mark@mcmastersharris.com) or Barb Wormington at 740-297-1054 (barb@mcmastersharris.com). Visit us online at www.mcmastersharris.com.