

L&H Photographica Spring Auction 2014 To Be Held on 3 May 2014
Estimated value over HK\$40 million

Hong Kong – L&H Auction is delighted to announce that the 3rd Photographica Auction will be held on the 3rd May 2014, at Library and Lounge, Grand Hyatt Hotel Hong Kong. The Auction coincide with the 100th Anniversary of Leica, there are a total of 288 lots offered in the auction and the total auction value will be over HK\$40 million. Preview sessions are available from 30th April to 3rd May in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

Mr. Henry Chau, CEO of L&H Auction remarked, *“This year is the 100th anniversary of Leica camera and there is a series of events in May to celebrate the event. We are happy that our auction in May would be one of the key events in the industry. We were sourcing these excellent pieces from all over the world, and most of them are outstanding works made by Leica in the past 100 years. We have also invited Mr. Lars Netopil, the Vice President of Leica Historica to host a “Sharing Leica” session after our auction to share his experience and opinion as a vintage camera collector. We hope this sharing can generate more interest, thus more people in Asia will get to know more about the brand.”*

The value of a vintage camera is related to its historical background and its owner- two of the highlighted products in coming auction were owned by two famous photographers respectively, their final hammer prices are hot topics amongst collectors. Lot 80, fully original MP Black Paint (MP-141) was owned and used by Eric Schaal who was one of the famous photographers in the 20th century. Well-known photographs of Eric include portraits of the artist Salvador Dali and the scientist Albert Einstein. A previous MP Black Paint has achieved the highest hammer price of L&H 2nd auction, at HK\$5.4 million. Lot 82, fully original Chrome MP (MP-222 & MP-223) in consecutive numbers were used by its first owner, famous photographer Jay Maisel since 1957. Jay is one of the most successful and famous American photographers nowadays.

There are some highlighted products which also carry interesting historical background like Lot 263, a Hasselblad 500EL Camera designed and produced for the Lunar Mission of Apollo 11 in 1969. Lot 195, in order to commemorate the 50th birthday of His Majesty Sultan of Brunei on 15th Jul 1996, Brunei ordered the limited Leica M6 Gold-plated with Diamond Camera set. Lot 67, a very early Leica M3 camera carrying an uncommon feature. Lot 176, a pair of consecutive number 250GG with Kugellager produced for the German Army in World War II.

Catalogue will be sent on request, please send your personal data including name, phone number, email/address to auktion@lh-hk.com or call 852-3168 2192 or visit www.lhauction.com.hk for further details.

Public Preview

Date & Time: 30th April – 2nd May 2014 (12:00pm to 7:30pm) & 3rd May 2014 (10:00am to 12:00noon)

Location: **L&H Photollection**

Shop 1009-1011, 10/F, Windsor House, 311 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Free vintage camera price estimation service is provided during in the preview sessions.

L&H AUCTION & “Sharing Leica”, with Lars Netopil

Date & Time: 3rd May 2014 (Start from 1pm)

Location: **Library and Lounge , Grand Hyatt Hong Kong**

1 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

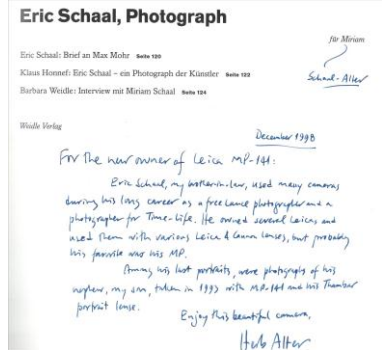
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Media Preview Tour is available by registration & Catalog is available for Media by request!

Highlighted Product

Lot 80. Leica MP Black Paint “Eric Schaal”

Serial no. MP-141, 1957, B+



Fully original Black Paint MP (MP-141) with matching Leicavit used by the famous photographer Eric Schaal, one of the famous photographer in the 20th century, the most well-known photographs of Eric including artist Salvador Dali and scientist Albert Einstein. According to factory record, this camera was delivered in 25th October, 1957. The chassis of the camera engraved “P 141” which matching to the serial number on the top-plate. The camera MP-141 also comes with a matching Summicron-M2/50mm in black paint finished with raw brass mount. A portraits photobook “ERIC SCHAAL PHOTOGRAPH” is also included. In the book, a Eric Schaal’s relative wrote a confirmation letter and mentioned Eric still used this camera to take photographs of his loved ones a year before his death. This lot has been reviewed by James Lager.

ESTIMATE PRICE: HK\$ 3,000,000 - 4,000,000

Lot 82. Leica MP Chrome Consecutive Numbers “Jay Maisel”

Serial no. MP-222 & MP-223, 1956-1957, B+/C+



This fully original Chrome MP (MP-222 & MP-223) in consecutive numbers used by its first owner, famous photographer Jay Maisel from 1957’s. Jay is one of the most successful and famous American photographers nowadays. The condition of this pair of MP indicates that Jay Maisel loves and frequently used these both cameras. This lot includes two of the most familiar prints “Marilyn Monroe” and “Miles Davis” taken by Jay Maisel, and a confirmation letter written by him. MP chrome produced in year 1956-1957, designed for few professional reporters and photographers, only 311 units were made, extremely rare. At this auction, these cameras also come with matching Summicron-M 2/5cm lens and Summicron-M 2/5cm lens, together with the front lens cap and MP Leicavit, in good working order. The fact that these cameras owned by such famous photographer makes this precious consecutive numbers MP cameras more valuable for collection.

ESTIMATE PRICE: HK\$ 2,500,000 - 3,800,000

Lot 68. Leica M3 Black Paint – The SECOND Piece
Serial no. 746572, 1955, B/B-



From the first owner, a professional photographer in USA who bought it new, here is a super rare, authentic and very first batch black paint Leica M3 double stroke outfit. This is the 2nd Black Paint M3 camera ever made and the lowest number ever appeared or offered on the market so far. The camera has earlier features such as early style rewind knob and four holding screws for the top plate. More exciting, on camera 746572 is the factory conversion into Leicavit-MP coupling. Technically a difficult issue, it was mostly carried out in the way of implanting an MP/M2 style frame counter. On camera 746572 the automatically resetting frame counter was kept with the help of a Leica M4-style counter resetting mechanism. Very unusual and probably unique Black Paint M3/MP camera.

The camera comes with three very early black paint lenses, an early Summicron-M 2/5cm in brass mount with a factory conversion. The second is a very rare Summilux-M 1.4/35mm without the spectacles and with chrome front ring. And a Summilux-M 1.4/50mm which comes from the first batch with brass mount. The design of its knurl on the focusing barrel is very special and can only be found on a few other very early Summilux and also some of the Summilux prototypes (i.e. Summarit 1.4/50mm). This camera is extremely rare because it is the second one of the first batch of only six black painted M3 and it is still retaining the original four screw top plate. The camera was authenticated by Mr. Ottmar Michaely and Mr. Lars Netopil.

ESTIMATE PRICE: HK\$ 1,800,000 - 2,800,000

Lot 195. Leica M6 Gold-plated with Diamond for 50th Birthday of the Sultan of Brunei
Serial no. 2283239 (HB039), 1996, Condition A +



In 1996, in order to commemorate the 50th birthday of His Majesty Sultan of Brunei on 15th Jul 1996, Brunei ordered the special limited edition from Leica. It was a special gift to prestige guests of honor, and never released to market for sale. The special number of this set is HB-039, with one fine cut diamond and the royal emblem engraving at the top plate. "15th July 1996" and "In Commemoration of The 50th Birthday of His Majesty Sultan" are engraved at the back. The camera covered in

red lizard leather and plated in 24 carat gold. The set comes with Summilux-M 1.4/35mm ASPH lens in 24 carat gold, with "HB039-125" imprinted at the front lens deterring; also with gold lens front cap with the royal emblem, extremely rare! The camera comes with body cap, strap, lens cloth, lens rear cap, wooden box, certificate of diamond and all packing.

ESTIMATE PRICE: HK\$ 800,000 - 1,200,000

Lot 176. Leica 250GG with "Kugellager" Consecutive Number
Serial no. 352423/352424, 1940-42, A-/B+



Leica 250 was officially introduced in 1934, approximately 130 units of 250's equipped with ball bearing shutters were prepared for the German military in 1942-1943 (Please refer to James Lager Vol. I p.50 & 55 for further information). These two cameras are painted with white K on the shutter curtain. According to factory record, they were stolen from the factory during the war. For camera #352423 comes with a Summar 2/5cm (#442081), leather case and front lens cap; for the other one #352424, it comes with a Summar 2/5cm (#468684) and front lens cap. Both are still in excellent condition, extremely rare. Besides, this set includes a long load (with two special cups) NAKUL which used to inspect film shot in the 250 exposure reporter, in nickel finished, with 5X magnifier. The NAKUL is in a grey wooden box with white lettering "Betrachtungslupe fuer Kleinbild-Aufnahme". This camera has been authenticated by Lars Netopil.

ESTIMATE PRICE: HK\$ 800,000 - 1,200,000

Lot 263. Apollo 11-CM Hasselblad 500EL
Serial no. TEE14194, 1969, A-



In 1969, American astronauts landed on surface of the moon by Apollo 11 and this successful Lunar Mission impacted the human history significantly. The 500EL Camera was designed and produced for this particular lunar mission. Since the camera was designed for astronauts, some changes were made. One of the biggest changes is the absence of mirror and waist-level finder in order to reduce weight. Besides the control knobs and the handle on the dark slide were enlarged for use with space gloves. The camera comes with a Carl Zeiss Planar Compur 2.8/80mm (#4591811), as well as Carl Zeiss Sonar 5.6/250mm lens (#4382139) with "SEB33100032" and "S/N 1022" engraved, and A200 Magazine (#33100082) with "TE 400433" engraved. It also comes with a Lunar mission booklets that were made by Hasselblad. This set is very rare and limited on the market now.

ESTIMATE PRICE: HK\$ 400,000 - 600,000



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About Mr. Lars Netopil

Mr. Lars Netopil, a leading identificate expert of Leica camera, also is the Vice President of Leica Historica and consultant of Leica AG. The Autor of *Prototype Leica*.

*Estimates do not include buyer's premium