

Grandson of film legend sells off family treasures

Estate of Douglas Fairbanks Jr. auctioned by Swords on March 2nd

MORE THAN 100 lots of movie memorabilia and personal items from the Douglas Elton Fairbanks Jr. Family Collection will be auctioned by Swords on March 2nd.



FAIRBANKS JR., WAS once married to Joan Crawford

Often confused with his father, Douglas Fairbanks Jr.'s father was cinema's first icons, noted for such swashbuckling adventure films as *The Mark of Zorro*, *Robin Hood* and *The Thief of Bagdad*. **JUNIOR** had small roles in **SENIOR'S** films *American Aristocracy* (1916) and *The Three Musketeers* (1921).

Fairbanks Jr., who was once married to the controversial actress Joan Crawford, the subject of the movie: *Mommy Dearest* based on the novel by **CHRISTINA CRAWFORD**.

Fairbanks Jr. is best known for starring in *Prisoner of Zenda* (1937).

Douglas Fairbanks Jr. initially wanted to play Rudolf, but when the role went to **RONALD COLMAN**, his father, Douglas Fairbanks, told him "not only is *The Prisoner of Zenda* one of the best romances written in a hundred years and always a success, but **RUPERT OF HENTZAU** is probably one of the best villains ever written"



"THE FLIGHTING O'FLYNN," that is expected to punch for at least \$217.

Among the personal items to be offered is a Swiss or German Hanau four-color gold minaudiere (clutch). With a later Russian standard mark 1908-1917, it is hand engraved "Fairbanks." The rectangular box features a rose, yellow and white chrysanthemums, with green gold leaves and a galleried border, flower heads on a textured ground, repeated on the sides, with a pair of lions on the base, with foliage and serpents. The gold box has a starting bid of **\$1,457**.

Among the ephemera is a Universal movie poster for his movie, "*The Flighting O'Flynn*," that is expected to punch for at least **\$217**.

A 20th century oil on board collage of "The Life of Douglas Fairbanks Jr. on a World Stage," is expected to perform for at least **\$325**. It was in a personal photograph album



A PLASTER PORTRAIT case mask of Douglas Fairbanks Jr. from the film 'Ghost Story', hanging behind Douglas Fairbanks Jr.'s desk. A plaster portrait face mask of the actor from the film "Ghost Story," is expected to haunt for a starting bid of **\$217**.



FAIRBANKS DATED MARLENE Dietrich.

A plaster sculpture of a female nude believed to depict her is included in the sale with an estimate **£100-200**.

sworder.co.uk