

# Milestone beats Santa to the punch with Dec. 10 auction of rare, high-condition antique toys

*Featured: Rare-color Diamond Planet Robot, boxed Mickey Mouse Organ Grinder, boxed Lehmann Snick-Snack, Large Carette limo, carded vinyl-cape Jawa AFA 80+ NM*

WILLOUGHBY, OHIO, USA, December 6, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Every antique toy collector dreams of finding something rare and exotic under the Christmas tree, and sometimes those dreams come true. But there is an alternative that offers much better odds. Those who don't want to risk receiving a clip-on tie or box of stale chocolates can find and bid on hundreds of rare and beautiful toys in [Milestone Auctions'](#) December 10 Winter Toy Extravaganza. The suburban Cleveland company may be known for selling every type of high-end collectible from antique firearms to vintage petroliana, but toys are special to the Milestone crew. It's one of the categories upon which their brand was founded, and its following amongst collectors is rock solid.

"Because we've been involved with antique toys for so long, we understand what collectors want. We travel constantly, visiting collections and estates, attending shows, and following up on leads in person. We leave no stone unturned," said Milestone Auctions co-owner Miles King. "We're especially excited about the December 10th sale because it contains some of the rarest and finest toys we've ever handled. Some come with their extremely scarce original boxes, and many are fresh to the market."

Robots and space toys have always found the atmosphere welcoming at Milestone's events, and expectations are high for the approximately four dozen extraterrestrial entries in the December 10 sale. Highlights start with an original Yonezawa (Japan) tin windup [Diamond Planet Robot](#)



Beautiful 16-inch Carette (Germany) limousine, early transition version of lithographed tin with rubber tires. All original including the four original lamps and beveled glass. A stunning example. Estimate \$8,000-\$12,000

displaying a rare blue body with red arms color scheme. It is one of the most elusive of all post-WWII robots, and few have ever appeared at auction.

“The 10-inch-high Diamond Planet is actually the largest windup robot ever produced. It has a great look with its prominent googly eyes, detailed chest gauges and sparks that are visible through a red gel when the toy is activated. Many collectors will be chasing this robot,” Miles King predicted. Accompanied by a high-quality repro pictorial box, the all-original Diamond Planet Robot will cross the auction block with a \$30,000-\$50,000 estimate.



Original Yonezawa (Japan) tin windup Diamond Planet Robot, rare variation with blue body and red arms. At 10in high, Diamond Planet is the largest windup robot ever produced. 100% original robot comes with high-quality repro box. Estimate \$30,000-\$50,000

From the coveted Masudaya Gang of Five lineup of big, boxy, battery-operated tin robots comes an eye-catching 15-inch-tall Target Robot. An exceptional original example sporting bright colors and a high gloss, the artfully detailed Japanese classic is complete, in working order (when tested) and accompanied by the correct dart gun and dart for shooting at the robot's bright-red chest target. Its auction estimate is \$12,000-\$15,000.

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The December 10 sale contains many antique toys that you just never see, some with their extremely scarce original boxes,. This is a sale for collectors who like their toys fresh to the market.”

*Miles King - Co-Owner,  
Milestone Auctions*

\$40,000-\$50,000.

Also from another celestial realm – a place where no man has gone before – is a fantastic rarity: a 1978 [Kenner Star Wars Jawa](#) vinyl-cape action figure on a crisp 12 Back-A card with clear bubble. Among the most desirable of all early Kenner Star Wars figures, Milestone's Jawa is in beautiful condition and was recently AFA graded 80+ Near Mint. A similar example with a lower grade of AFA 80 was sold earlier this year by another respected auction house for nearly \$41,000, supporting Milestone's estimate of

A second Star Wars lot to watch is an original Early Bird Mailer Kit containing examples of the original four figures from Kenner's 1977 Star Wars series: Luke Skywalker with his double-telescoping lightsaber, Princess Leia, Chewbacca, and R2D2. Complete with its original bags, pins, tray, mailer box with mailing label and catalog, this kit is ready for grading. Estimate:

\$6,000-\$8,000

The 873-lot auction is brimming with rare European tin toys, and who better to lead the parade than Mickey Mouse, who never seems to age even though he just turned 94 years old. Milestone is proud to present in its December 10 auction a Disney classic: a rare, original and complete Distler Mickey Mouse Organ Grinder (Hurdy-Gurdy) with the unheard addition of its original pictorial box. In excellent condition with bright colors and wonderful graphics, the German-made toy qualifies for the description of "museum quality" and is offered with a \$25,000-\$35,000 estimate.



Rare Distler (Germany) 8in high Mickey Mouse Organ Grinder (Hurdy-Gurdy) with all-original and complete figures of both Mickey the grinder and diminutive Minnie Mouse, who 'dances' when toy is activated. Accompanied by extremely rare original box. Estim

Also by Distler, the comical tin windup Directional Policeman car in all-original working condition is so rare, even Milestone's toy specialists have never seen another one like it. With a rich palette of colors and graphics exhibiting all sort of vehicles, people, dogs and driving-related symbols, this incredibly rare toy could reach \$10,000-\$15,000 on auction day.

Other European tin highlights include a spectacular all-original Carette tin limo, an all-original, boxed Lehmann (Germany) windup "Snick Snack" depicting a well-dressed gentleman walking two dogs on "leashes," \$8,000-\$10,000; and a Victor Bonnet (France, successor to Fernand Martin) "Madelon Casseuse D'Assiettes," a tin windup maid in cloth attire who struggles to keep a stack of tin plates from toppling over. Like the Lehmann Snick Snack, Madelon is in excellent condition and retains its scarce original box. Estimate: \$1,500-\$2,000

The toy collecting community is still chattering about the boxed Linemar battery-operated Popeye and Olive Oyl tank that sold for a world-record \$105,000 at Milestone's April 9 auction. The cartoon couple returns to the spotlight on December 10 in the form of two Linemar 5-inch tin mechanical nodders. Both the Popeye and Olive figures are 100% original and complete, and each comes with a very attractive original box (replaced top flap on both). The toys will be auctioned consecutively, each with a \$2,500-\$3,500 estimate.

The words "new/old stock" is sure to pique the curiosity of pressed steel toy collectors as Lot 559B is announced. The grouping consists of a Buddy 'L' factory case that contains six #5628 14-inch Army Transport Trucks with Howitzer and Poly Soldiers. Each truck is housed in its own original Buddy 'L' interior box. In near-mint condition, the Buddy 'L' bonanza is estimated at \$2,500-\$3,500.

Milestone Auctions' December 10, 2022 Winter Toy Extravaganza will be held at the company's gallery located at 38198 Willoughby Parkway, Willoughby (suburban Cleveland), OH 44094. Start time: 10 a.m. ET. All forms of remote bidding will be available, including absentee and live online through Milestone's bidding platform or LiveAuctioneers. For additional information on any item in the sale, call 440-527-8060 or email [info@milestoneauctions.com](mailto:info@milestoneauctions.com). Online:

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