

Two rare Popeye collectibles will headline SJ Auctioneers' online-only Winter Watch for Collectibles auction, January 29

The vintage toys are a 1930 Popeye the Pilot tin wind-up toy plane and a 1934 Popeye pocket watch in excellent working condition. Both are exceedingly rare.

BROOKLYN, NY, UNITED STATES, January 15, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SJ Auctioneers' first major event of 2023 will be an online-only Winter Watch for Wanted Collectibles auction, slated for Sunday, January 29th, beginning at 4 pm Eastern time. Of the 244 lots, two stand out as rare and highly collectible: a 1930 [Popeye the Pilot tin wind-up toy plane](#) and a [1934 Popeye pocket watch](#) in excellent working condition.

Popeye items are highly desired by collectors. The fictional cartoon character, created by Elzie Crisler

Segar, first appeared in a King Features comic strip in 1929 and has been beloved by millions ever since. Collectibles relating to Popeye are a multi-million-dollar industry. The Popeye the Pilot tin wind-up toy plane was made by Marx and has an estimate of \$1,000-\$1,500.

The Popeye pocket watch was made only one year (1934) by New Haven Watch Co. (Conn.). It has a nickel finish and a colorful and detailed dial, picturing many characters from the strip and Thimble Theatre Players (where Popeye originated). Popeye's die-cut arms tell the time, while a second wheel shows Wimpy chasing a hamburger. The watch should hammer for \$1,000-\$5,000.

Collectors of [Disney](#) items will be attracted to the Mickey and Minnie Mouse puppets in the original boxes, made by Pelham Puppets (est. \$250-\$500). Each puppet stands 11 inches tall. The



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rest of the auction features lots of hard-to-find racers, toy trains and tin friction toys, sterling collectibles, glass arts paperweights, rare jewelry and décor – something for nearly everybody.

The artists, designers and silversmiths include Cartier, Tiffany, Dominick & Haff, Jose Hess, Emile Delaire, Gorham, Movito, Reed & Barton, Watson, Wallace, Wm. B Kerr, Sackermann Hesseberg & Co., Italian Vetreria, Murano, Arte, American Flyer, Lionel, Nintendo, Tootsie Toy, Buddy 'L', Matchbox, Lesney, Steuben, Disney and Baccarat.

Tin friction toys will feature a Japanese Ichiko Mercedes-Benz 330 extra-long tin friction vehicle with box, about two feet long (est. \$1,000-\$2,500); a very rare Japanese 1950s Marusan tin friction jet car with working mechanism (est. \$500-\$1,000); and a Japanese SAN Marusan "Champion 2-J" battery-operated tin toy speed boat with driver in the original box, in good working condition, model 3811, 10 ½ inches long (est. \$250-\$500).

Other toys include a collection of four sets of Britains metal figurines, totaling 17 toy soldiers (est. \$150-\$5,000); a group of three 1947 Captain Marvel automatic tin wind-up vehicles with keys included: #2 orange, #4 blue and #1 olive, Fawcett Publications (est. \$750-\$1,000); and an 11-inch-tall wooden Schoenhut toddler doll with label, on a walker body (est. \$1,000-\$5,000). Walking dolls without the holes in the feet were made in 1919.

The sterling silver category is packed with lovely and desirable items, to include the following:

- A 60-piece Reed & Barton flatware set in the Francis 1st pattern, in a green zip-up box and fabric top, no monograms, in excellent pre-owned condition (est. \$3,500-\$8,000).
- A Gorham mixed metals Y50 sterling silver copper jardiniere vase with applied 3-D strawberry plant and spider, never polished, with original patina, 3 ½ inches tall, marked on the bottom "Y50" and "O" ("O" is Gorham date mark for 1882) (est. \$2,500-\$5,000).
- A pair of Tiffany & Co. sterling silver salt and pepper shaker owls (est. \$1,000-\$3,500).
- A pair of 1948 Reed & Barton sterling silver dishes (or bowls) in the Narcissus pattern, 8 3/8 inches long by 5 inches wide with a total weight of 8.99 troy oz. (est. \$1,000-\$5,000).



Popeye pocket watch made in 1934 by New Haven Watch Co., in fine working condition. Popeye's arms tell the time; a second wheel shows Wimpy chasing a hamburger (est. \$1,000-\$5,000).

A Daum pate-de-verre (opaque, dense glass, having a frosted surface; also known as glass paste) cameo vase landscape signed "Devez", about 8 ¼ inches in height, should realize \$3,000-\$5,000; while a signed Daum pate-de-verre trotter horse by Jean Francois Leroy, light to dark amber in color, box included, 4.3 inches tall by 5.7 inches in length, carries an estimate of \$700-\$1,000.

Two beautiful and outstanding vases have identical estimates of \$1,000-\$5,000. One is a signed Daum pate-de-verre fig leaves lizard art glass vase, purple/green in color. The other is a signed Edward Hald fish design cased glass vase made by Orrefors, approximately 5 ½ inches tall and weighing about 7 pounds, in excellent used condition. Also having the same estimate is a signed 1414 Steuben blue aurene (iridescent glassware) perfume bottle with stopper, 8 inches in height.

The jewelry category will feature a pair of 18kt gold diamond stud pillow earrings featuring pave set round brilliant cut diamonds weighing 3.00 carats (est. \$4,500-\$6,500); a pair of 14kt gold textured dome earrings weighing approximately 4.89 grams (est. \$1,500-\$5,000); and an 18kt white gold Tahitian pearl diamond enhancer necklace with a 16-inch-long 14kt white gold chain, the pearl 10-11 mm, the three round brilliant diamonds totaling 0.24 carats (est. \$1,000-\$2,000).



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As in SJ Auctioneers' previous sale, this one will also feature pieces by Herend, the Hungarian

porcelain maker. They include an artist-signed, extra-large, hand-painted bunny rabbit figurine in the White Dynasty (or Siang Blanc) pattern, with lots of green, pink and yellow flowers, 12 inches tall (est. \$2,000-\$2,500); and a pair of rust fishnet, 12 7/8 inches tall (est. \$750-\$1,500).

Online bidding is via LiveAuctioneers.com and Bidsquare.com. No phone bids will be taken, but absentee bidding is available now online. Pre-bidding is also available, meaning for those who are unable to attend the online auction, they can still leave their bids now.



Pair of Tiffany & Co. sterling silver salt and pepper shaker owls (est. \$1,000-\$3,500).

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