

Margaret's The Couture Cleaner Restores Iconic Marilyn Monroe Dress

Vintage fashion restoration experts preserve an iconic Jean Louis cocktail dress from "The Misfits" press conference, featured in a \$65,000 celebrity auction.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, September 9, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Margaret's The Couture Cleaner, America's premier [vintage clothing](#) restoration and luxury garment care specialist, announced a groundbreaking collaboration with Julien's Auctions to professionally clean and conserve an authentic Jean Louis designer dress worn by Hollywood icon [Marilyn Monroe](#). The historically significant cocktail dress, worn by Monroe during The Misfits cast press conference in the summer of 1960, achieved a remarkable \$65,000 sale at the celebrity memorabilia auction.

Expert Hollywood Costume Restoration and Vintage Fashion Preservation.

This high-profile collaboration demonstrates Margaret's specialized expertise in celebrity costume restoration and museum-quality textile conservation. The Academy Award-winning designer Jean Louis crafted this cream silk jersey masterpiece featuring hand-painted abstract watercolor patterns with signature circular motifs in vibrant magenta, green, and brown tones—representing authentic 1960s haute couture fashion.

"This project exemplifies the critical partnership between auction houses and textile [conservation specialists](#) essential for preserving Hollywood's cultural heritage and vintage fashion history," said a spokesperson for Margaret's The Couture Cleaner. The Marilyn Monroe dress presented unique restoration challenges, including age-related discoloration and vintage fabric staining that required specialized cleaning techniques to remove imperfections without compromising the original hand-painted artwork or delicate silk jersey construction.



Margaret's the Couture Cleaner Since 1953

Advanced Textile Conservation and Vintage Garment Restoration Process. Margaret's certified textile specialists employed proprietary vintage clothing restoration methods and museum-standard conservation techniques to address the dress's condition while maintaining its historical authenticity. The garment's intricate construction—featuring a fitted bodice with hand-gathered pleats, expert hand-sewn waistline attachment, and original chiffon crepe lining—demanded specialized handling throughout the conservation process. The dress retains its original Jean Louis designer label and handwritten notation "MM #2," confirming its provenance as part of Marilyn Monroe's personal wardrobe collection.

Celebrity Memorabilia Authentication and Auction House Excellence.

The collaboration between Margaret's and Julien's Auctions establishes a new standard for how celebrity memorabilia auction houses and professional textile conservators can work together to ensure historically significant garments receive expert care before reaching collectors. Julien's Auctions, internationally recognized as "The Auction House to the Stars," has built an impressive

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*Chuck Horst, President of
Margaret's the Couture
Cleaner*

reputation for bringing authentic celebrity artifacts and Hollywood memorabilia collections to market while preserving their cultural and investment value.

"Our partnership with Margaret's ensures every piece of celebrity memorabilia receives the specialized restoration care it deserves," noted Julien's Auctions representatives. "When handling garments of this historical significance and auction value, professional textile conservation is essential to preserving their legacy for serious collectors and fashion history enthusiasts."

Hollywood History: The Misfits Legacy and Marilyn Monroe

Marilyn Monroe
MARILYN MONROE™

Her Iconic Cocktail Dress

A Cleaning, Restoration & Conservation Auction Collaboration

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THE DRESS:

The Dress for Marilyn Monroe, Designed by Jean Louis
HISTORY: Worn by Marilyn Monroe at a Press Conference to Promote *The Misfits*.

DESIGNER:

Academy Award-Winning Designer, Jean Louis

VALUE:

Auction \$65,000

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Margaret's The Couture Cleaner Collaborates with Julien's Auctions to Restore Iconic Marilyn Monroe Dress Legendary Jean Louis cocktail dress from "The Misfits" receives expert conservation treatment before \$65,000 auction sale

Fashion.

The Jean Louis designer dress represents the sophisticated style evolution that defined Marilyn Monroe's later career and 1960s Hollywood glamour. Created specifically for The Misfits press conference—Monroe's final completed film alongside Clark Gable and Montgomery Clift—this garment captures a pivotal moment in cinema history and vintage fashion. The film, directed by John Huston and written by Arthur Miller, is now recognized as a classic of American cinema and a significant piece of Marilyn Monroe's filmography.

Monroe particularly favored silk jersey fabrics, and Jean Louis Berthault's design reflects his Academy Award-winning approach to costume design that transformed stars into fashion icons. As the first costume designer to receive "Gowns By" screen credit, Jean Louis understood how to create pieces that were both cinematically effective and personally flattering—making this dress a prime example of authentic Hollywood costume design.

About Margaret's The Couture Cleaner: Luxury Fashion, Couture Care and Vintage Restoration Specialists

Since 1953, Margaret's The Couture Cleaner has established itself as America's premier destination for designer clothing care, vintage fashion restoration, and luxury garment preservation. As the nation's first Five-Star Certified Cleaner and winner of the 2024 CINET International Award for textile care innovation and the Accessories Council Award for sustainable fashion practices, Margaret's has developed proprietary restoration processes for cleaning, repairing, and preserving the world's finest vintage and contemporary garments.

The company specializes in impossible restoration projects, regularly removing vintage stains and fabric damage that have defeated other textile care providers. With headquarters in California, including five locations, and CleanByMail services, Margaret's serves luxury fashion retailers, celebrity stylists, fashion collectors, and discerning consumers across America. For more information about vintage clothing restoration and luxury garment care services, visit www.margarets.com.

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About Julien's Auctions: Celebrity Memorabilia and Entertainment Collectibles

Julien's Auctions brings iconic entertainment moments to life through authentic artifacts and celebrity collections from the world's biggest stars. From Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe memorabilia to contemporary Lady Gaga and Banksy collectibles, Julien's connects serious collectors with original pieces that define popular culture and entertainment history. Located at 13007 S. Western Avenue, Gardena, California, Julien's can be reached at 310-836-1818 or info@juliensauctions.com. Visit juliensauctions.com for celebrity memorabilia auctions and entertainment collectibles.

Margaret's The Couture Cleaner representatives are available for media interviews and can

provide high-resolution images of celebrity costume restoration projects. The company's textile conservation team is available to discuss the technical aspects of vintage fashion preservation and the cultural importance of maintaining Hollywood's costume heritage.

High-Resolution Media Assets Available:

- Before and after celebrity costume restoration documentation
- Behind-the-scenes vintage garment conservation process photography
- Historical film stills featuring restored Hollywood costumes
- Margaret's state-of-the-art textile conservation facility and specialized equipment

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