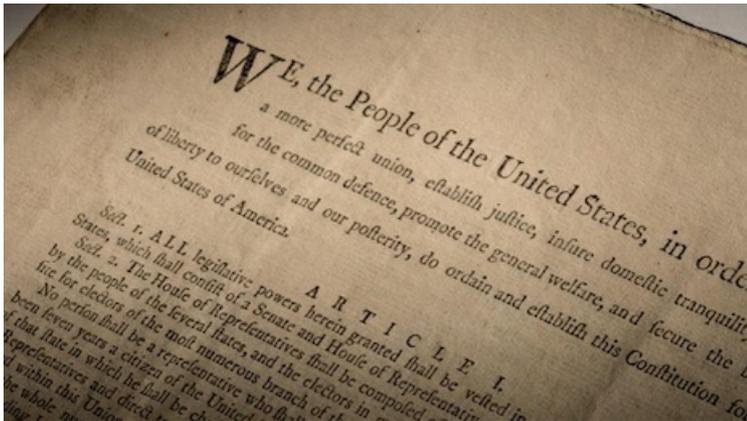


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## Sotheby's auctioning only private copy of Constitution

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In honor of this year's Constitution Day, Sotheby's is holding an exhibition until Sept. 19. Image credit: Ardon Bar-Hama

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Auction house Sotheby's is holding an auction for the only remaining first printing of the United States Constitution.

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The only one of 11 copies known to exist not in a leading institution will be offered in an evening auction during Sotheby's November marquee sales. To commemorate Constitution Day on Sept. 17, the exhibition is open at Sotheby's from now until Sept. 19.

"The Goldman Constitution ranks as one of the most rare and coveted historical documents that has ever come to auction," said Selby Kiffer, international senior specialist for the books and manuscripts department at [Sotheby's](#), in a statement.

"We are honored to present this incredibly important printing of the Constitution to the public timed to coincide with Constitution Day, which only further reinforces [Dorothy Tapper] Goldman's longstanding commitment to supporting civics education."

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This Constitution Day celebrates 234 years since the Founding Fathers signed the country's longest-lasting document.

Sotheby's copy of the official edition of the constitution, the first printing of the final text, marks the first time a manuscript or historical document will be presented in a fine art evening auction.

The extremely rare document's offer is an estimated \$15-20 million, as this is the only copy of the first printing of the Constitution that remains in private hands.

The Constitution is on offer from the collection of Ms. Goldman. Following the evening auction, an additional 80 constitutional and related documents will be on offer in a dedicated live auction this November in New York.

After the live sale, a final group of rare works will be presented in a no-reserve online sale, open for bidding from Nov. 23 to Dec. 2.

All proceeds from the collection will benefit the Dorothy Tapper Goldman Foundation, which is dedicated to furthering the understanding of democracy while encouraging citizens to take a more active role in government.



*Items from Karl Lagerfeld's residences in France and Monaco will be sold at auction later this year. Image credit: Sotheby's*

Earlier this week, Sotheby's announced plans to host an upcoming auction selling more than 1,000 lots from the late designer's residences in France and Monaco.

Karl Lagerfeld was, and continues to be, a prominent name in the world of fashion and luxury. To honor his legacy, Sotheby's will auction a collection of pieces that tell the story of the designer, collector and creative mind ([see story](#)).

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