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Sotheby's auctions Louis Vuitton Nike sneakers designed by Virgil Abloh

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Sotheby's is auctioning 200 pairs of the sneakers, with bidding starting at \$2,000 a pair. Image courtesy of Sotheby's

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Auction house Sotheby's is holding a special auction featuring the limited-edition Louis Vuitton Nike Air Force 1 sneaker created by the late Virgil Abloh.

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The online auction, marking the first release of sneakers designed by Mr. Abloh for the spring/summer 2022 collection, went live on Jan. 19 and will run through Feb 9. The proceeds will benefit the designer's scholarship fund.

Legacy continues

Before his passing, Mr. Abloh had been involved in the planning process of the auction for this special-edition sneaker. Louis Vuitton plans on later presenting the rest of the designer's spring/summer 2022 collection, which the brand says was 95 percent complete at the time of his passing.

Sotheby's is auctioning 200 pairs of the sneakers, with bidding starting at \$2,000 a pair. The sneakers, available in men's sizes from 5 to 18, are made in calf leather and are covered in Louis Vuitton's monogram and beloved patterns, styled with Mr. Abloh's signature quotation marks.



Each pair comes in a leather, vibrant orange case. Image courtesy of Sotheby's

Each pair sold will come with a Louis Vuitton pilot case in a vibrant orange colorway, also part of the spring/summer 2022 collection.

Proceeds from the sales will go to the Virgil Abloh "Post Modern" Scholarship Fund which supports the education of thriving students of Black, African American or African descent.

The Louis Vuitton and Nike Air Force 1 by Virgil Abloh and pilot case will be on display at Sotheby's New York through Feb. 8.

Last month, the late Virgil Abloh was named Luxury Daily's 2021 Luxury Personality of the Year for his lasting contribution to fashion and for promoting inclusivity in the industry.

The posthumous honor also recognizes that Mr. Abloh's role at LVMH Mot Hennessy Louis Vuitton had been elevated in 2021. His growing influence was also apparent in his most recent collaborative partners ([see story](#)).

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