

## MICHAEL BALL'S LES MISÉRABLES COSTUME TO BE AUCTIONED FOR CHARITY



Les Misérables is the world's longest running musical and a piece of its iconic history is going under the hammer at Special Auction Services (SAS) in Newbury on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

The costume of Marius worn by Michael Ball in the original West End production in the 1980s, and again at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert at The Royal Albert Hall, has been generously donated by Michael Ball and Sir Cameron Mackintosh and will be sold for charity.

All proceeds will go to the Shooting Star CHASE \*, the children's hospice service that cares for families with a child or teenager with a life-limiting condition.

The costume is in pristine condition with Michael Ball/Marius emblazoned on each piece and is of museum quality.

Actor, singer and radio and TV presenter Michael Ball said: "This is an exciting opportunity to own an important piece of theatrical history, to help a wonderful cause and by the way the suit still looks terrific on!"

SAS auctioneer Thomas Plant said: "As a big fan of both Les Misérables and Michael Ball, this will be an exciting moment for me on the rostrum. It's rare for a well-known costume like this to be sold on the open market so we are expecting a lot of international interest."

Lot number 559, it is estimated to make £10,000 - £15,000.

\* The Shooting Star CHASE hospice care for children and teenagers is very proud to have Michael Ball as a Patron. Michael's passion and commitment to the charity means that it can help raise vital funds for the 650 families it cares for who find themselves in the most unimaginable circumstances.

With £8.5 million to raise every year, it relies totally on fundraising and this is a very unique opportunity. It is a privilege to be supported by Michael Ball and Sir Cameron Mackintosh.

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