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Gracie Fields' Art Deco bedroom suite **to go under the hammer**

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An elegant 1920s three- piece walnut bedroom suite belonging to the famous music hall singer Gracie Fields (1898-1979) is expected to fetch up to £1,200 when it is auctioned at Gorrings on 19th October on behalf of St. Peter & St. James's Hospice in Sussex.

Custom-made by the furniture maker Maples, the bedroom suite comprising a wardrobe, dressing table and single bed, purchased by Gracie Fields in 1928. It remained with her all her life and was then sold at auction along with the other contents of 'The Haven', her house in Telscombe Cliffs, near Brighton, in 1984.

St Peter & St James Hospice services are free of charge to patients and their loved ones. They receive less than 17% of our funding from the Government and have to raise more than £1.8 million every year through fundraising. That's £5,000 every single day.

As a charity in Sussex they provide specialist care, love and support for those living with progressive, life limiting illnesses from East and West Sussex. Set in 28 acres of Sussex countryside, St Peter & St James have spectacular views across the South Downs and encourage patients and their loved ones to make the most of the grounds, which include landscaped gardens, a wheelchair friendly woodland walk and a summer house.

Gracie Fields' rise from small-town singer in Yorkshire to A-list Hollywood star continues to enthral her fans who flock to buy her treasures. In 2010 Gorrings sold a private collection of Gracie Fields memorabilia, which included a photograph of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton at Gracie Fields' hotel in Capri for over £13,000.

For more details, please contact Francesca Collin at Gorrings on 01273 472503 or 0774 8654134.

Sale Details:

Auction: 19th October

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