

### Shapes Reveal Their Magic Number



Edinburgh based auction house, Shapes Auctioneers, are delighted to announce the sale of a Harry Potter wand which raised £10,000 for the capital's One City Trust charity.

Kindly donated by author JK Rowling, the wand of the fictional young wizard is one of few made for the most recent Harry Potter film, and was snapped up by Hearts Football Club majority shareholder Vladimir Romanov who, in return, donated £10,000 to the charity. The Lithuanian businessman out bid James Thompson of the Witchery on the Royal Mile as well as his counterpart at city rivals Hibernian Football Club to secure the Potter memorabilia. The wand was presented in a signed commemorative wooden box along with a signed copy of the penultimate Harry Potter book – Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince.

The auction, the second run this year by Shapes Auctioneers in aid of the local charity, has been praised by Edinburgh's Lord Provost. The Right Honourable Lesley Hinds commented;

*"I am heartened by the goodwill shown by ordinary people and companies in the city who take their corporate social responsibility seriously and help put something back. Shapes Auctioneers are a prime example of this. They have offered their services in helping to raise funds for the One City Trust both at the very successful Cow Parade and at the One City Gala Dinner and Contini Concert. I am grateful for their continued support and continue to be committed to ensuring that all people in Edinburgh benefit from the city's success."*

The auction, conducted by Shapes Senior Auctioneer and Valuer Paul Howard, raised a total of £21,550 for the Trust, of which a further £5,500 came from Ian Rankin's offer to include the winning bidder in his next Inspector Rebus novel and a separate lot with the chance to meet the author for a 'pie and a pint' in his literary detectives favourite watering hole, the Oxford Bar.

The goods for sale, all donated or sponsored by businesses and famous residents of the capital, included offerings from Ian Rankin, Irvine Welsh and both of the capitals premier league football clubs. The thirteen lots for sale at the Charity Gala Dinner also included champagne hospitality for 4 at the Bank of Scotland 2007 Fireworks concert, a weekend for 2 at the exclusive Prestonfield Hotel and a meal for two at Shapes Restaurant.

For a full list of items sold and prices please visit the One City Trust Auction catalogue, archived at <http://www.shapesauctioneers.co.uk/>

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## **EDITORS NOTES**

- Shapes auction house played an integral part in the Cow Parade auction which took place earlier this year at Prestonfield Hotel. The auction of the fibreglass cows which were situated throughout the city during August, raised tens of thousands of pounds for charity of which One City Trust were the main beneficiaries.
- One City Trust is a charitable organisation established in 2004, which tackles social inequality and poverty throughout Scotland's capital. Raising awareness and funds for their cause, the main goal of the Trust is to raise a total of £1.5 million by 2008. For more information visit <http://www.onecitytrust.org>
- Shapes are one of Scotland's leading independent auction houses and, handling over 1,000 lots per month, have a wealth of knowledge and experience ranging from silver, ceramics, paintings and oriental rugs and furniture. Standing alongside the auction house is Shapes Furniture which, complemented by restoration, French polishing workshops and upholstery workshops, has an impressive range of both traditional and contemporary furniture.  
[www.shapesfurniture.co.uk](http://www.shapesfurniture.co.uk)

As a natural extension to the Shapes showroom, a stylish restaurant is the perfect place for customers to enjoy both refreshments, lunch or dinner. Private functions are easily arranged.

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