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MISSOURI AUCTIONEER TO HOST NEW HGTV SERIES Col. Christie Hatman of Thayer hosts "Auction Agent" March 1

"At 25, bid 'em 50, now 50, get 'em at 50, now 75, jump in for 75!" chant's fast-talking auctioneer Col. Christie Hatman on her new HGTV Series, Auction Agent. The show will air "sneak peek" back-to-back episodes Friday, March 1, at 7:00 and 7:30 Central Time. Each episode features Hatman visiting homes of sellers who want to sell their antiques. Hatman evaluates the antiques, then takes them to the auction and sells them to the highest bidder. Her son, Eli, is also featured as the head ringman (bid spotter.) The show was filmed in Kansas City, Springfield, Ozark, Wasola, Marshfield, and St. Louis.

Hatman was discovered by Atlas Production Company in New York City after she posted a video on Youtube from the Missouri State Champion Auctioneer Contest, which she won. "When I got the call, I thought it was a joke or they were wanting to sell me something. I Googled them as they were talking and realized they were well-established, and said, 'You have my attention.'"

Col. Christie Hatman became interested in antiques at a young age as she searched for a piano at yard sales and auctions. She would purchase under-priced items and sell them for a profit, and at the age of 20, went to Missouri Auction School in St. Joseph. She was 1 of 5 women in a class of 156. Since graduation, she has conducted consignment auctions, estate auctions, and on-site auctions. "I have the best occupation," chuckles Hatman. "I get paid to dig in junk and run my mouth. It's a win/win."



Auctions are a fun, fast, fair way to sell real and personal property. Bids are taken as an auctioneer asks for a price then raises the asking price incrementally. Auctioneers often use a rapid chant, or "auctioneer's song" that was developed after the Civil War when the Union Colonel's were assigned the task of dispersing the spoils of the war. "Colonel" has since been used by American auctioneers as an honorary title.

to schedule an interview with Col. Christie Hatman, contact Leslie Caldwell at 573-840-0708 or email Leslie at hatmanauctions@gmail.com.

Col. Christie Hatman updates her clients on upcoming auction items and schedules on her website, www.christiehatman.com. You can also see her daily posts on her Facebook Page: HGTV's Christie Hatman Auction Agent.

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