

MICHAEL DIAMOND'S 1996 ATLANTA OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL AUCTION AT LEONARD JOEL MELBOURNE

AUCTION AT 2PM THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER IN SOUTH YARRA

Are you interested in buying Dual Olympic Gold Medal shooter Michael Diamond's 1996 Atlanta Olympic Gold Medal ?

It will be auctioned at 2pm Thursday 5th December, at the prestigious 100 year old Leonard Joel auction house 333 Malvern Rd, South Yarra, Melbourne. The auction will be both in-room and streamed online, via the Leonard Joel online bidding platform, around the world. All details at: www.leonardjoel.com.au

Michael is experiencing serious health difficulties and yesterday had a gall bladder operation. In addition his heart is only working at 25% capacity and he has been placed on the heart transplant waiting list.

Feel free to join me in South Yarra or for further details email me max@marksonsparks.com or call me on 0412501601

MICHAEL DIAMOND'S FIRST ATLANTA 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES GOLD MEDAL

On the obverse, the traditional goddess of victory, holding a palm in her left hand and a winner's crown in her right. A design used since the 1928 Games in Amsterdam, created by Florentine artist Giuseppe Cassioli (ITA - 1865-1942) and chosen after a competition organised by the International Olympic Committee in 1921. For these Games, the figure of victory is accompanied by the specific inscription: "XXVI OLYMPIAD ATLANTA 1996".

On the reverse, the official emblem of the 1996 Games and the 'Quilt of Leaves' design. For each sport the medals awarded to the athletes were minted with the addition of the relevant sport pictogram positioned in the centre of the 'Quilt of Leaves'.

Designed by Giuseppe CASSIOLI; Malcolm GREAR Designers

Composed of Gilt silver

Measuring 70mm in diameter

Mint: Reed and Barton

Notes

Michael Diamond was the first Australian to win an Olympic shooting event since 1900, with this his first Olympic Gold Medal for Trap shooting in Atlanta's 1996 Games (149 out of 150 targets). He followed that with a win in the following Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000 (147 out of 150 targets). He is only the second trap shooter to have won back-to-back Olympic Gold Medals. The World Championship in both the trap and double trap in 2000 were also held by Michael and his final world record in trap was held between 2007 and 2008 where he won the trap event at the 2007 World Shotgun Championships. In his sixth Olympic Games in London in 2012, he led the field at the end of the qualification period, with an Olympic record of 125/125, but fourth overall was his final position in London, a position he also achieved in 2008. Michael also won Commonwealth gold medals, setting him apart from his Australian peers within the sport.

The opportunity to acquire an Olympic Games Gold Medal is rare indeed and this, Michael's treasured first Olympic Games Gold Medal, represents the last chance to acquire the ultimate sporting collectable representative of this historic period in Australian trap shooting.

In 2017 Michael sold by public auction his Sydney Olympic Games Gold Medal for \$72,000 (AUD) plus Buyer's Premium.

Estimate \$50,000-70,000

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