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Exhibition of Taylor's collections to benefit her favorite cause

Elizabeth Taylor was known around the world for her beauty, talent, compassion—and, to a lesser but still intriguing extent, her jewels.

At the time of her death last March at 79, the violet-eyed star's stash of stones was reportedly worth more than \$150 million. In fact, the gems have grown so famous in their own right that in 1996, they became the centerpiece for a night of CBS comedy. (See story, next page.)

In September, Christie's auction house began an exhibition of Taylor's celebrated white diamonds and black pearls, as well as her collections of haute couture, fine and decorative arts, and Hollywood memorabilia. After stops around the world in Moscow, London, Dubai, Geneva, Paris, Hong Kong and Los Angeles, the treasures are now arriving in New York, where before their auction, Christie's will devote its entire Rockefeller Center gallery space to their public display Dec. 3–16.

Part of the proceeds from the exhibition's admission fees and related publications will be donated to the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, which the Oscar-winning actress and pioneering activist founded in 1991. As Christie's Chairman Marc Porter says, "The collection of her many cherished possessions will bring us closer to the essence of Taylor's unique spirit, and promises to inspire admiration, delight and at times sheer wonder in all who come to see it." — *Jim Colucci*

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TAYLOR-MADE FOR TV

CBS sitcom stars remember a special night when Liz stopped by. See page 106.