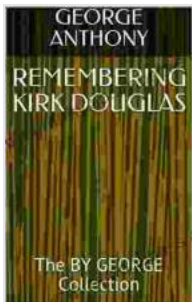


Remembering Kirk Douglas: The By George Collection

A Cinematic Legacy Unraveled

Kirk Douglas, the legendary actor whose rugged good looks, powerful performances, and unyielding spirit captivated audiences for decades, is now remembered through a remarkable collection of personal items and stories in the By George Collection. This collection, lovingly curated by his son, George Douglas, offers a unique glimpse into the life and career of one of Hollywood's most iconic stars.



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From his humble beginnings as a Polish immigrant named Issur Danielovitch to his rise as one of the most celebrated actors in the golden age of cinema, Kirk Douglas's journey is a testament to his talent, determination, and infectious charisma. Through the artifacts and

anecdotes gathered in the By George Collection, we are invited to delve into the extraordinary life of this cinematic icon.

From Humble Beginnings to Hollywood Dreams

Born in Amsterdam, New York, in 1916, Kirk Douglas grew up in poverty as the son of Jewish immigrants. His father, Herschel, was a ragman, and his mother, Bryna, worked as a seamstress. Despite the challenges of his early life, Kirk possessed an unquenchable thirst for success and a burning desire to make a name for himself.

In the By George Collection, we find a handwritten letter from a young Kirk Douglas, expressing his hopes and dreams of becoming an actor. This letter, penned in his early twenties, reveals his unwavering determination and his belief in his own potential. It is a poignant reminder of the humble beginnings of a man who would go on to become a Hollywood legend.

A Star is Born: The Golden Age of Cinema

Kirk Douglas's career took off in the post-World War II era, as Hollywood studios searched for new talents to fill the void left by the war. His rugged good looks, intense acting style, and charismatic presence quickly caught the attention of casting directors.

The By George Collection features a stunning array of memorabilia from Kirk Douglas's early films, including scripts, costumes, and behind-the-scenes photographs. These artifacts provide a glimpse into his meteoric rise to stardom. Among the highlights of the collection is a rare publicity poster for his breakthrough role in the 1949 boxing drama *Champion*, which earned him his first Academy Award nomination.

Unforgettable Characters, Unforgettable Performances

Throughout his career, Kirk Douglas played a diverse range of iconic roles, from brooding anti-heroes to historical figures. His performances were always marked by a raw intensity and a deep understanding of human nature.

The By George Collection showcases some of Kirk Douglas's most memorable costumes and props. Among them is the iconic sword and sandals worn by Spartacus in the 1960 epic, a film that cemented Douglas's status as a leading man and became one of the most influential historical dramas of all time. Another highlight is the prosthetic nose worn by Douglas in the 1956 biographical film *Lust for Life*, in which he portrayed the tormented artist Vincent van Gogh.

Beyond the Spotlight: A Man of Character

Kirk Douglas was not just a talented actor but also a generous philanthropist and a vocal advocate for social justice. He was a strong supporter of the Democratic Party and used his platform to speak out against racism, poverty, and discrimination.

The By George Collection includes a number of personal items that reveal the depth of Kirk Douglas's character. Among them is a handwritten letter he wrote to President John F. Kennedy, expressing his support for the civil rights movement. The collection also features a series of photographs documenting his humanitarian efforts, including his work with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

A Treasure Trove of Memories

The By George Collection is more than just a collection of artifacts; it is a testament to the life and legacy of Kirk Douglas. Through the personal

memorabilia, intimate stories, and handwritten letters, we gain a deep appreciation for the man behind the iconic roles.

The collection is a valuable resource for researchers, historians, and fans alike. It provides a comprehensive and engaging look at the life and career of one of the most influential actors in Hollywood history.

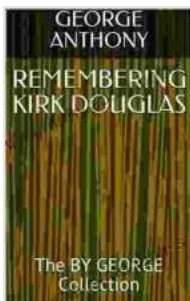
An Enduring Legacy

Kirk Douglas passed away in 2020 at the age of 103, but his legacy continues to live on. The By George Collection ensures that future generations will be able to learn about and appreciate the extraordinary life and career of this cinematic giant.

As we remember Kirk Douglas, let us be inspired by his talent, his determination, and his unwavering commitment to making a difference in the world. The By George Collection is a fitting tribute to a true Hollywood icon and a reminder of the enduring power of the art of cinema.



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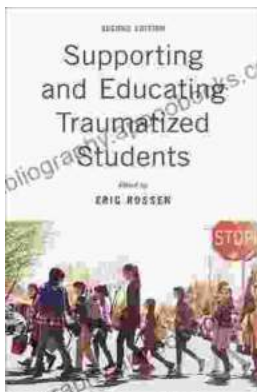
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