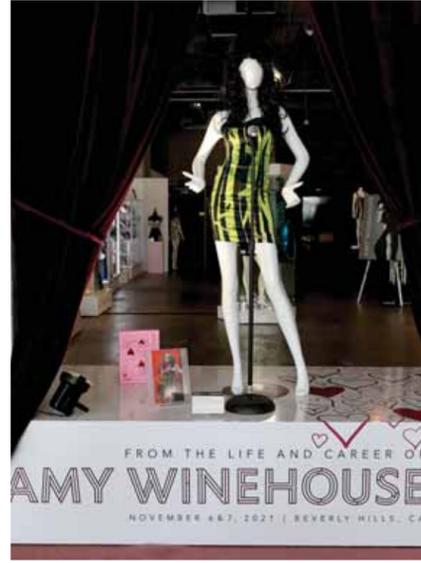




A collection of Amy Winehouse dresses and her drum set are displayed at Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills, California.

—AFP photos



The dress worn by the late Amy Winehouse during her final performance on display at Julien's Auctions.



The black and white striped mini dress worn by Amy Winehouse in 2007 when she performed "Rehab" on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno is displayed.

Amy Winehouse's last concert dress to go under the hammer



A pair of gold leather boots worn by Amy Winehouse on the cover of her 2003 debut album 'Frank' are displayed.

The dress that singer Amy Winehouse wore for her final performance was auctioned this weekend in California, as part of a trove of memorabilia from the soul diva's life. Winehouse wore the green and black bamboo print at a concert in Belgrade in 2011. A month later, on July 23, she was dead from acute alcohol poisoning. She was 27. Her tragic death was the culmination of a lengthy and often very public struggle with alcohol and drugs.

The dress is the highlight of an 800-item collection of personal effects, ranging from bras and DVDs to books and makeup that are being sold by Winehouse's parents Mitch and Janis. "It took them a long time to actually come to terms and decide to let go," said Martin Nolan of auction house Julien's, which is managing the sale. "Of course, there are fans and museums and collectors all over the world that will want to own some of these items,

care for them, show them at museums, keep her legacy and her memory alive and at the same time raise some money for the foundation," he added. The proceeds will go to the Amy Winehouse Foundation, which supports vulnerable young adults battling addiction.

Multi-Grammy-winning Winehouse, whose seminal and intensely soulful 2006 album "Back to Black," is counted as a modern classic, often spoke of her personal experiences battling alcohol and drug addiction. The short, green and black dress designed by Naomi Parry, is expected to sell for between \$15,000 and \$20,000. "That's very iconic. But all of these dresses represent Amy-fantastic musician, songwriter, but also a fashion icon," said Nolan. Another highlight of the sale is the heart-shaped handbag custom-made for her by Moschino that Winehouse used at the 2007 Brit Awards. The 400-plus-page catalogue put



A black quilted leather purse, that Amy Winehouse was photographed holding leaving home for her husband Blake Fielder-Civil's court appearance, are displayed.

together by Julien's is a walk-through of the singer's influences and career, but also her distinctive retro style that made her a fashion icon. The auction, in Beverly Hill, ran from Saturday to Sunday. — AFP



Petal pink satin ballet slippers worn by Amy Winehouse, who was often photographed performing in or out wearing ballet slippers.



Some of the Amy Winehouse collection of 45-rpm records is displayed.



The custom-made red leather heart-shaped purse Amy Winehouse used at the 2007 Brit Awards is displayed.



A collection of dresses worn during performances by Amy Winehouse is displayed.

Brazil bids shocked goodbye to country star Mendonca

Thousands of people flooded the hometown of late Brazilian country music star Marilia Mendonca

Saturday to pay an emotional tribute to the beloved singer, a day after she was killed in a plane crash at age 26. Mendonca, a Latin Grammy-winning superstar of Brazilian "sertanejo" music, died with four other people Friday when a small plane carrying her to a concert crashed in a rural area in the southeastern state of Minas Gerais.

Her body was flown Saturday to the central city of Goiania, her hometown, where huge crowds of fans flocked to a stadium where a massive public wake was to be held. Fans started lining up at dawn outside the 15,000-capacity arena, where large floral arrangements were

arriving in a steady stream, AFP correspondents said. "We came to say goodbye to our great Marilia Mendonca and thank her for spending these years of her life singing for us and making our hearts soar," student Davi Dyeimes Linares, who traveled 130 kilometers (80 miles) to be the first in line, told news site G1.

Some 100,000 people were expected to attend, said Goias state Governor Ronaldo Caiado. The star and an uncle who worked with her-also killed in the crash-were due to be laid to rest later in a small private ceremony for close friends and family at a local cemetery.

Mendonca's producer and the two pilots were also killed in the crash, which left their twin-engine plane shattered against the rocks near a picturesque waterfall outside the city of Caratinga, where the artist had been scheduled to perform. Mendonca was known for breaking into a country music scene long dominated by men and machismo. She was a leading figure in a burgeoning sub-genre known as "feminejo," or sertanejo music by women.

Nicknamed the "Queen of Suffering," she was known for ballads of heartbreak and long-suffering lovers, but also for singing of empowerment and the need

for women to "overcome"-the title of one of her most famous songs. She had 22 million subscribers on YouTube, 39 million followers on Instagram and more than eight million monthly listeners on Spotify. Her death drew heartfelt tributes from figures ranging from Brazilian music legend Caetano Veloso to football superstar Neymar to President Jair Bolsonaro, who said the country was "in shock." "She was one of the greatest artists of her generation," he wrote on Twitter. —AFP



A military firefighter brigade truck carrying the remains of Brazilian singer Marilia Mendonca leads the funeral cortege to the Cemeterio Parque Memorial, in Goiania, state of Goias, Brazil. — AFP



Relatives and friends mourn next to the coffin of Brazilian singer Marilia Mendonca, during her wake at the Arena Goiania sports center, in Goiania, state of Goias, Brazil.