ICONIC Ed Sullivan show

€35k magical history tour of Beatles...

ONE of the largest personal collections of original Beatles images is set to sell for nearly €35,000 at auction – including ones backstage at the band's legendary Ed Sullivan Show performance.

The original contact sheets were composed by photographer Leslie Bryce - and include thousands of photos taken of the Fab Four during their career.

The earliest shots capture a Beatles performance at The Winter Gardens, Margate on July 8, 1963 including images of John, Paul, George and Ringo playing table tennis in the hotel.

Other snaps include from the first American tour and the 1964 European tour when Ringo got tonsilitis and was replaced by Jimmie Nicol.

They will go under the hammer on July 6.

AUCTION Howard and van

€58k? We'll Take That for camper

A 60-YEAR-OLD camper van owned by a Take That star is going under the hammer with a €58,000 price tag.

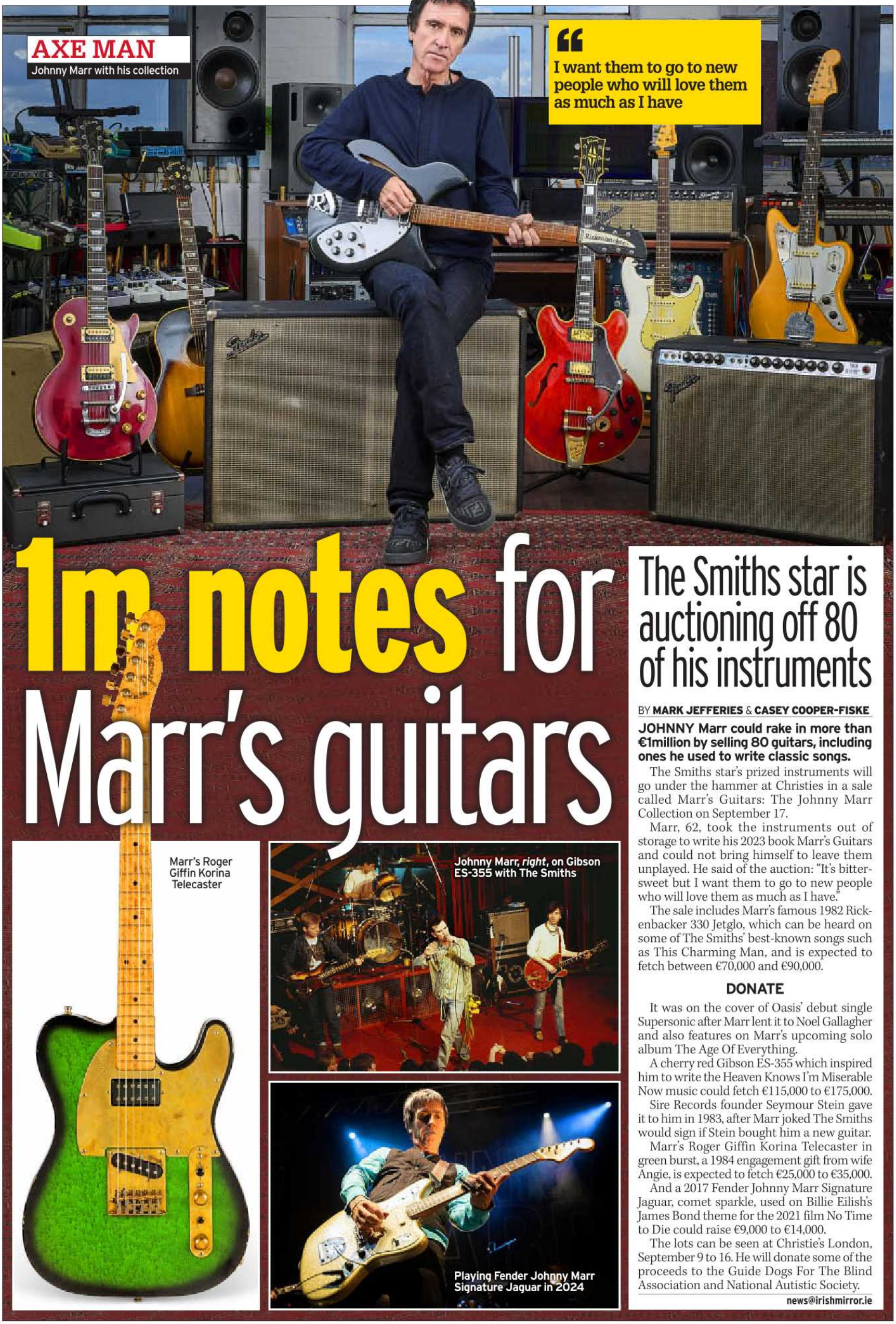
The 1966 Volkswagen Type 2 T1 split-screen camper van belongs to Howard Donald, who has signed the interior – adding a personal touch for its next owner.

The camper van was found in Colorado in 2007 before being imported to the UK by a previous enthusiast owner.

It later underwent mechanical commissioning and upgrades.

Expert Joe Watts said: "It has the look, the usability and the added appeal of Howard Donald's ownership. It is a special camper van with real personality."

It is going under the hammer with Iconic Auctioneers on July 25.



AXE MAN
Johnny Marr with his collection

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1m notes for Marr's guitars

The Smiths star is auctioning off 80 of his instruments

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JOHNNY Marr could rake in more than €1million by selling 80 guitars, including ones he used to write classic songs.

The Smiths star's prized instruments will go under the hammer at Christies in a sale called Marr's Guitars: The Johnny Marr Collection on September 17.

Marr, 62, took the instruments out of storage to write his 2023 book Marr's Guitars and could not bring himself to leave them unplayed. He said of the auction: "It's bittersweet but I want them to go to new people who will love them as much as I have."

The sale includes Marr's famous 1982 Rickenbacker 330 Jetglo, which can be heard on some of The Smiths' best-known songs such as This Charming Man, and is expected to fetch between €70,000 and €90,000.

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It was on the cover of Oasis' debut single Supersonic after Marr lent it to Noel Gallagher and also features on Marr's upcoming solo album The Age Of Everything.

A cherry red Gibson ES-355 which inspired him to write the Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now music could fetch €115,000 to €175,000.

Sire Records founder Seymour Stein gave it to him in 1983, after Marr joked The Smiths would sign if Stein bought him a new guitar.

Marr's Roger Giffin Korina Telecaster in green burst, a 1984 engagement gift from wife Angie, is expected to fetch €25,000 to €35,000.

And a 2017 Fender Johnny Marr Signature Jaguar, comet sparkle, used on Billie Eilish's James Bond theme for the 2021 film No Time to Die could raise €9,000 to €14,000.

The lots can be seen at Christie's London, September 9 to 16. He will donate some of the proceeds to the Guide Dogs For The Blind Association and National Autistic Society.

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Marr's Roger Giffin Korina Telecaster

Johnny Marr, *right*, on Gibson ES-355 with The Smiths

Playing Fender Johnny Marr Signature Jaguar in 2024