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SHIRLEY TEMPLE CHILDHOOD FILM COSTUMES AND MEMORABILIA UP FOR AUCTION

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A child actor that appealed to young and old audiences across the globe, there never has been another like her, nor is there likely to be. Shirley Temple was the first lady of the box office in the mid '30s, before her star flickered out at the end of the decade as quickly as it ignited.

Shirley Temple, one of the most popular child actors in Hollywood, won legions of fans as a bouncy, curly-haired young star in 1930s movies such as "Bright Eyes", "Heidi" and "Curly Top".

The child actress went on to forge a second career as ambassador Shirley Temple Black and died at the age of 85 last year. Her family are now selling her belongings.

"She was the number one box office star back then for four years in a row," Sanders said. "No one has outshined her with that success." (Reporting By Reuters Television in Los Angeles; Writing by Marie-Louise Gumuchian in London; Editing by Toby Chopra)

"These costumes are extremely important because they are the actual costumes that were in the movies. Shirley Temple kept these actual costumes for almost 80 years," auction house owner Nate Sanders said. "The most important piece we have ... is part of the lot of 57 dresses ... the dream sequence from 'Heidi' where she did a dance number and wore wooden clogs. We have the dress and the wooden clogs. It's one of Shirley Temple's most remembered scenes."

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