



566. WOLVERINE HERO CLAWS WORN BY HUGH JACKMAN IN X2: X-MEN UNITED. (TCF, 2003) This is a paired set of Wolverine hero claws worn by Hugh Jackman in the second X-Men film of the trilogy – *X2: X-Men United*. The only hero set released by the studio, this pair is comprised of padded grips with studio writing, curved metal and internal supports, and hard plastic/resin blades. These are the most detailed version of the claws produced (as opposed to rubber bladed stunt claws), with great attention to detail for use in close-up and non-stunt shots.

The claws have become the most recognizable of all props and costumes from the three *X-Men* films, and are the iconic representation of the most popular *X-Men* character from both the film and comic books: Wolverine. The claws are now synonymous with the films, appearing on marketing collateral, posters/one-sheets, and other promotional material. In the latest film, *X-Men: The Last Stand*, the claws “are” the poster. Many argue that Wolverine is the only superhero created within the last 35 years to have reached the same status as classic heroes of the 1930s, 40s, and 50s such as Superman, Batman, and Spider-Man. When worn, the claws give the illusion that they are razor sharp blades protruding from the tops of the wearer’s hands by virtue of an angled handle that rests flush against the upper palm

of the hand, with a system of curved metal supports that wrap around the knuckles and up to the blades themselves.

These magnificent props have incredible provenance and paperwork. Lauren Shuler Donner, producer of all three *X-Men* films (as well as the upcoming Wolverine film currently under development), donated these props to her charity, Hollygrove, for auction some years ago. Shuler Donner is one of the most successful and prolific producers in Hollywood. To date, her films have grossed approximately \$2 billion and counting. The paperwork accompanying this set includes an official Certificate of Authenticity from Hollygrove (www.Hollygrove.org) signed by Lauren Schuler Donner as well as a personal letter from Shuler Donner, on The Donner’s Company letterhead, stating “[t]hese claws were made for and used by Hugh Jackman as Wolverine in X2”.

A rare opportunity to acquire *the* prop from the most critically acclaimed of the three *X-Men* films (focused on the origin of Wolverine), with peerless provenance and paperwork.

\$10,000 – \$12,000