

# Niles Auctioneer Sets Record For Most Items In 24 Hours

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A Niles auction room and its principal auctioneer, Ian Kasper, set the Guinness World Record for Most Items Auctioned in 24 Hours when Kasper auctioned 1,023 individual lots on April 21, 2018. Guinness conferred the title on Kasper Aug. 20 after confirming certified witness statements, the April 2018 auction records and receipts, photographs, and a 12-hour video of the auction.

The record-setting auction was accomplished with the help of students and faculty of Maine South High School and raised more than \$1,100 for their chosen charity, the Huntington's Disease Society of America.

“This would never have been possible without all of the help of Maine South students and the support of their administration and faculty, especially Tom Egan, the Maine South Physics and Space teacher who coordinated the Maine South programming and volunteers and put in more than 40 volunteer hours personally to make the event a success.”

Lot 14 Auctions was established by third-generation auctioneer and attorney Kasper in 2016 and is located on Howard Street in Niles, where it holds weekly public consignment auctions. Lot 14's mission is centered around the ancient tradition of a community auction and the contemporary ideas of reducing and reusing, and supports local charitable organizations by giving volunteers the opportunity to work an auction to raise funds for their causes.

To accomplish this goal for the record setting auction, Lot 14 compiled a catalog of more than 1,400 items, allowing for passed and unsold lots. The items were consigned to Lot 14 by dozens of sellers and estates, and a large crowd of bidders, buyers, volunteers, friends, and supporters were present throughout the day. Kasper gaveled the auction open just after 10 a.m., and auctioned non-stop for more than 12 hours without a break.

“We were all tired, but the energy in the room kept the tempo and mood elevated. It took a few days for my voice to recover,” said Kasper.

Prior to the April 2018 auction in Niles, the record was held by an auctioneer who auctioned 610 repossessed cars and motorbikes in under six hours on Jan. 14, 2010 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.