

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY & APPRAISAL

"Milee" — Vinyl Artist Doll by Pat Secrist

22" • © 1998 Pat Secrist • Mark-Confirmed

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$60 – \$110

Reflects her mark-confirmed authenticity, striking auburn ringlets, and complete Victorian-style floral costume — this is a molded copyright mark rather than a numbered limited edition.



"Milee," seated in her original floral striped costume



A close-up of her sculpted expression and blue eyes

History & Background

"Milee" is a 22" vinyl artist doll created in 1998 by Pat Secrist, a doll sculptor best known for her lifelike vinyl children's dolls produced through Apple Valley Doll Works in that era, before she went on to found Secrist Dolls in 2005 — a name that later became influential in the reborn baby doll community. Secrist's dolls from this period are prized for their gentle, naturalistic child sculpting: soft cheeks, expressive eyes, and rooted hair that reads as genuinely lifelike rather than doll-stiff.

Milee arrived at Mom's Joy Room as a rescue — found at auction, described by the seller only as "dusty," with no other flaws reported. She wears a complete Victorian-inspired costume: a striped and floral cotton dress in shades of plum and sage, trimmed with eyelet lace, ribbon roses, and a coordinating hair bow, all appearing to be her original outfit rather than a later addition. Her most striking feature is her full head of tightly curled, deep auburn ringlets framing a sweet, quietly expressive face with blue eyes.

On the back of her neck, an incised mark reads "MILEE" © 1998 PAT SECRIST — a molded copyright mark confirming both the doll's name and her maker beyond doubt. This is not a hand-signed, numbered edition marking, but a standard production mark used across this line, which places her value with other unsigned Secrist originals of comparable size and condition rather than in the rarer numbered-edition tier. She joined the Mom's Joy Room collection in September 2026, freshly rescued and ready for her next home.

Notable Information

- ◆ Maker: Pat Secrist, © 1998 (Apple Valley Doll Works era, pre-dating her 2005 Secrist Dolls studio)
- ◆ Attribution: mark-confirmed via incised "MILEE © 1998 PAT SECRIST" neck marking
- ◆ Size: 22"
- ◆ Material: vinyl head, arms, and legs
- ◆ Hair: rooted, deep auburn ringlet curls, full and intact
- ◆ Eyes: painted blue, expressive sculpted features
- ◆ Costume: original striped and floral Victorian-style dress with ribbon rose trim and matching hair bow
- ◆ Provenance: rescued at online auction, described only as "dusty" by the seller
- ◆ Joined the collection: September 2026

Collector's Notes

Milee's neck marking is a molded copyright mark rather than a hand-signed, numbered limited edition, which is the key factor separating her value from Secrist's rarer signed and boxed pieces (which can reach well into the \$200–300 range). Unsigned Secrist vinyl dolls of comparable size and completeness generally trade in the \$60–110 range, and her exceptional hair and fully intact original costume support the upper half of that

estimate.

"She came home a little dusty and completely herself — auburn curls, quiet smile, and not a thing about her that needed fixing but a good dusting."

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