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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **MICHAAN'S APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF FINE ARTS FOR THEIR ALAMEDA GALLERY**

Michaan's Auctions is delighted to announce the appointment of Gregory Ghent as the new Director of Fine Arts. Mr. Ghent has over 35 years experience as an art dealer and appraiser and will join the Michaan's team on April 5, 2010.

Michaan's president Allen Michaan commented, "We are thrilled to welcome Gregory Ghent to our Fine Arts Department. His wealth of knowledge and depth of experience will strengthen this department and our firm as a whole."

Since 1975, Mr. Ghent has had an accomplished career as an appraiser and curator specializing in tribal, pre-columbian, modern and contemporary art. Mr. Ghent has advised in the building of private collections while developing relations with an international network of collectors, art dealers, appraisers, museums and other art professionals.

Mr. Ghent founded Gregory Ghent Fine Arts, Inc., in 1981. In addition to exhibiting and selling modern and contemporary art, his gallery was the West Coast distributor of the Peter G. Wray Collection of Pre-Columbian art and the Bruce Lawes collection of art from New Guinea.

In 1994 Mr. Ghent joined San Francisco auction gallery Butterfield and Butterfield (now Bonhams and Butterfield) as an appraiser. In 1996 he was promoted to director of Butterfields' Modern, Contemporary and Latin American Art department.

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Mr. Ghent has played an active role in preserving and promoting ethnic arts, music and dance on a local, national and international base. He has curated a number of museum exhibitions throughout the country; his reviews on collections have been featured in *Visual Dialog*, *Peninsula*, *African Arts* and *Arts d'Afrique Noire*. He serves on a number of boards including Friends of Ethnic Art, an advisory group to the the M.H. deYoung Memorial; the Hearst Art Gallery at Saint Mary's College; the Museum of Craft and Folk Art in San Francisco, and the Gamelan Sekar Jaya orchestra.

Gregory Ghent can be reached at Michaan's by telephone at 510-740-0220 x119 or by email at [gregory@michaans.com](mailto:gregory@michaans.com)

## **About Michaan's Auctions**

Michaan's Auctions is a leading full service auction house on the West Coast specializing in the appraisals and sale of antiques and fine art. Some of Michaan's specialty departments include Furniture and Decorative Arts, Modern, Contemporary, European and American Paintings and Prints, Books and Manuscripts, Jewelry, Asian Works of Art and Ethnographic Art.

Established in 2002, Michaan's Auctions holds up to thirty sales each year that attract a broad base of buyers and consignors from all over the World. With one of the largest facilities in Northern California and the bay areas lowest buyers premium Michaan's offers buyers and sellers the ability to preview and bid on many unique and desirable pieces. Some of these pieces garnered world record prices. In 2005, a world record price was achieved for an A.D.M Cooper, *The Three Graces 1915*, sold at auction for \$21,060 as well as a Eduard Gaertner, *German City Street Scene 1831*, sold at auction for \$266,000.

Michaan's has built its reputation on it's ability to accept single items, groups or entire estates with the "no risk consignment policy", a policy that sets them apart from other auction houses. Michaan's team of specialists are dedicated to staying current on the latest issues and developments in the market and are committed to providing personalized and professional attention throughout the entire auction process.