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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Auction:  
Fine Stamps and Coins  
Monday, August 8 at 10am

Previews:  
August 5-7 and by appointment

Location:  
Alameda, CA

**TREASURE TROVE OF COINS AT MICHAANS AUCTIONS**

Michaan's Auctions is proud to present its Fine Stamp and Coin Sale featuring an exceptional collection from the estate of Mr. Richard Smith. Smith was an avid coin collector and long-standing member of the American Numismatic Association, compiling an excellent assortment of coins during his lifetime. Michaan's Auctions is pleased to offer his entire collection in the sale being held on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Smith's collection includes numerous rare issues, U.S. and international gold and silver coins, U.S. Civil War era tokens and a vast accumulation of ancient coins and German porcelain coins. Particularly noteworthy are eight U.S. \$20 gold coins, all from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Each coin is in excellent, almost uncirculated condition and is being offered in eight individual lots, each estimated at \$1,500-1,800.

There are coins minted in limited quantities and then there are the truly scarce and extremely rare. The following fall into the latter category and are almost sure to peak feverish collector interest. On

the auction block is a U.S. Saint Gaudens gold coin, 1924, AU (lot 1042, \$1,500-1,800), a U.S. \$1 gold coin, 1851-C, AU (lot 1026, \$1,000-1,200), a U.S. \$2 ½ gold coin, 1911-D, AU (lot 1033, \$3,000-5,000), a Russian 3 roubles platinum coin, 1844, AU (lot 1051, \$2,000-3,000) and a Philippine silver coin, 1906-S, XF, 1 peso (lot 1157, \$1,200-1,500).

All of the pieces as well as a plethora of other coins and stamps will be auctioned at Michaan's main gallery at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501 on August 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m.

### **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, Michaan's has specialists in the fields of Furniture and Decorative Arts, Modern, Contemporary Art, 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 attracting a broad base of buyers and consignors from all over the world. With one of the largest facilities in Northern California and the Bay Area's lowest buyers premium Michaan's offers buyers and sellers the opportunity to preview and bid on many unique and desirable property. Some of these pieces realized world record prices. In 2005 A.D.M. Cooper's oil painting, Three Graces 1915, sold for a record \$21,060 and an Eduard Gaertner oil, German City Street Scene 1831, sold for \$266,000.

Michaan's has built its reputation on its ability to accept single items, groups or entire estates with its "no risk consignment policy" free of hidden fees and charges. Michaan's 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.