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Previews:
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Auction Treasures Abound in April

Necklace with ties to sunken treasure, Asian archers' ring collection, Leroy Neiman serigraph and selection of portrait miniatures featured at auction

The Fine Art Department presents a collectible range of works from American and European artists. Pieces include oil paintings, etchings, watercolors, lithographs, ink drawings and serigraphs. Featured in the April offerings is a serigraph on paper by Leroy Neiman titled "McRory's Whiskey Bar" (lot 047, \$2,000-3,000). The scene depicts a packed bar full of revelers, merrily taking delight in the festivities of the pub. Neiman's signature style is apparent as the use of bold, saturated colors further bring a palpable energy to the image. Wildly popular the world over for his lively and vibrant paintings of sporting events and leisure activities, his work has been revered by millions.

Before his passing in 2012, Neiman was bestowed with over twenty significant awards and citations, including the Victor Award and the ASAMA's Sport Artist of the Year in 2006.

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The Jewelry Department's April lots comprise a spectrum of gemstones, including but not limited to, ruby, sapphire, opal, blue topaz, peridot and emerald. A variety of jade pieces will make an appearance as well, with bangles, a brooch, rings, a pendant, necklaces and a suite of a bracelet and drop necklace. Diamond offerings are highlighted by a very special collection from a private Danville estate. This exciting jewelry grouping consists of eleven lots to be auctioned in April, eight of which are quality diamond pieces. One of the grandest is a diamond and platinum ring centering an emerald cut diamond weighing approximately 4.25 carats. The center stone is then surrounded by twelve full cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 1.40 carats. The stones are all set in platinum, creating a classic ring with timeless appeal (lot 246, \$10,000-15,000).

A unique custom-made necklace is another noteworthy piece from the estate collection. The piece contains authentic gold samples recovered from the *Atocha*, an infamous Spanish ship that met its demise in 1622. Gold particles that were recovered from the *Atocha's* treasure trove were melted down and blended to create the necklace, which is a replica of an original wedding chain found on the ship. The 18 karat gold neck chain is fashioned with one hundred and six continuous, interlocking links, forming a symbol of the unbreakable bonds of marriage. A certificate of authentication dated January 2, 1992 from Shreve & Co. jewelers accompanies the piece as well (lot 143, \$3,500-4,000).

Asian works of art will hold many categories of decorative and collectible objects in April. Jades, blanc-de-chines, paintings, woodcuts, furniture, export porcelains, jewelry and scrolls are a few of the offered items. Japanese items are also handsomely represented with a folding screen, collectible metal works, bone decorations and Imari objects as some of the available lots. A featured Asian highlight is found in a collection of five jade and hardstone archers' rings, to be offered as lot 305 at an auction estimate of \$400-600. Three rings do not bear any decorative carvings and display a variation of stone qualities. Examples are found in a delicately veined jade, a semi-opaque jade and a mottled hardstone ring. Of the carved pieces are a richly toned, coffee brown jade ring that displays continuous studio marks as well as an agate piece of a dragon amongst swirling clouds.

Interesting offerings are seen in many different categories from the Furniture and Decorations Department. Notable service pieces are found in a Victorian sterling four piece coffee and tea service (lot 453, \$3,000-4,000) and a Towle Old Lace sterling flatware service for twelve (lot 456, \$1,200-1,500). International selections are seen in a Chinese Art Deco carpet (lot 792, \$800-1,200), a Perepedil Shirvan rug (lot 790, \$500-700) and a Persian kilim (lot 789, \$300-500).

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From a Bay Area estate collection are fourteen portrait miniatures in the April sale. Depictions are varied and include collectible images such as a military serviceman (lot 494, \$600-800), a gentleman at his writing desk and a lady at her tea table (lot 493, \$600-800), a man of period styling (lot 495, \$500-700) and a folk oil on board portrait of a lady (lot 502, \$500-700). These miniatures were used to express sentiments and keep memories of loved ones near. For example, they often served as a snapshot of the time, as soldiers and sailors kept portraits close by while they were on duty.

The illustrated online catalog will be available for review at www.michaans.com. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on April 5th and continue until April the 7th, the day of sale. For general information please call (510) 740-0220 ext. 0 or e-mail info@michaans.com. Michaan's Auctions is located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

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, 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.

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