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Auction:
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Featuring fine art, decorative arts and jewelry
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Previews:
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Michaan's Opens 2014 with Schulz, Chaumet, Whitaker, Arts & Crafts

Michaan's first estate auction of 2014 will be held on the 5th of January. The sale will open with over 80 lots of fine art works, with the offered selection consisting primarily of American and European pieces from the 19th and 20th centuries. Sale lots include, but are not limited to, oil paintings, watercolors, serigraphs, etchings, photographs and lithographs. Highlighting the auction is a Sunday comic strip from iconic American cartoonist Charles Schulz. The animation features Snoopy, Charlie Brown and Woodstock of the "Peanuts" cartoon series. "Peanuts" remains an enduring comic, loved the world over for its humorous cast of characters and sense of child-like imagination. The ink and watercolor on paper strip is ink signed "with every best wish - Charles Schulz" upon the title panel. This highly collectible piece is listed at auction as "Peanuts Sunday Comic Strip Original Art Dated 4-25-1976 (1976 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)" and will be sold as lot 043 at an auction estimate of \$15,000-20,000.

Over 100 jewelry lots will be available to bidders in January, with manufacturer names such as Cartier, Tiffany & Co., Baume & Mercier and Shreve & Co. gracing the auction room floor. Lot 223 is an offering from one of the most esteemed and historic jewelry production houses in existence. The featured pair of Chaumet diamond and 18 karat yellow gold earrings is both contemporary and classic, to be offered at an estimate

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of \$3,000-5,000. Each piece is delicately accented by five full-cut diamonds set in a pair of interlocking twisted links. The Chaumet House dates back to 1780 and includes a roster of some of the most important jewelry commissions recorded in European history. Chaumet customized pieces for the wedding of Napoleon and Josephine de Beauharnais as well as for the niece of Queen Marie-Antoinette. Chaumet founder Marie-Etienne Nitot eventually became the official jeweler to Napoleon, solidifying the brand as one of the most premiere and exclusive known.

A pair of Mid-Century modern dining tables designed by important iron worker Francis Whitaker will be sold as lot 650 at an estimate of \$1,200-1,400. The tables have finished, solid walnut tops atop lithe, hand-forged wrought iron legs. They were created by Whitaker in 1955 at his forest area residence and remain in excellent, showroom quality condition. These particular tables were once personally ordered from Whitaker by acclaimed architect Henry Hill as well. Among Whitaker's accolades was a White House honor in 1997 from the National Endowment for the Arts. Whitaker earned the dubious distinction of becoming one of eleven National Heritage Fellows. To this day, the prize remains one of the few National Endowment for the Arts honors earmarked for individual recipients.

An exciting and eclectic variety of pieces will be up for auction by the Furniture and Decorative Arts Department. Over 60 furniture lots will be sold, including a handsome Spanish iron mounted chest (lot 107, \$2,000-3,000) and a delightful Federal grandfather clock decorated with hand painted pastoral scenes as well as a sun and moon (lot 140, \$800-1,200). An original German surveyor's telescope with stand is another featured piece, complete with an all inclusive case that houses all implements (lot 143, \$1,500-2,000). Notable collections include 6 lots of collectible pipes with an estimate range of \$300 to a high of \$500, as well as over 50 lots of quality silver. Shreve & Co. silver is included in 9 of the 50 available lots, with offerings such as flatware, service pieces, candlesticks and a bride's basket amongst the selection.

An Arts & Crafts desk set with lovely foliage motif decor boasts sterling on bronze as part of its mixed metal components. The desk suite includes a blotter board, a pen tray, a calendar holder and a small letter rack that all prominently bear the contrasting decoration of sprigs. A single brass candlestick measuring approximately 12 inches in height completes the lot, listed as number 591 in the sale (\$500-700). The late era Arts & Crafts desk set stems from a private Alameda, California collection and remains in wonderful condition with its original patina.

The illustrated auction catalog will be posted online at www.michaans.com when it becomes available. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on January 3rd until the day of sale, January 5, 2014. 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,

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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 and Asian Works of 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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