



**Original military ticker tape announcing Japan's surrender August 14, 1945, framed (\$15/20,000).**



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**Raymond Han (American, b 1931) "Yannis Nude #2," oil on canvas, 48 by 40 inches sight size (\$4/6,000).**

## Michaan's Auction Roars With Rare Objects & Jewelry March 7



**Art Deco, diamond, sapphire, platinum 14K white gold brooch (\$800-\$1,000).**

ALAMEDA, CALIF. — Michaan's March 7 estate auction will feature fine and decorative arts, Asian art and jewelry with highlights to include an Art Deco brooch, Asian hand warmers, Raymond Han oil painting and an authentic World War II military ticker tape declaring Japan's surrender.

More than 100 multi-stone jewelry lots will feature nine lots with sapphire elements. The pieces range in estimations at a low of \$300 to a high of \$1,500. A period sapphire offering in an Art Deco diamond, sapphire, platinum and 14K white gold brooch, featuring a tapering, bar-form body (\$800-\$1,000). A straight line of 11 square-cut sapphires is sandwiched in between two rows of round-cut diamonds. The brooch remains in pristine condition and comes complete with an original fitted, leather period box.

A highly collectible lot of four Nineteenth or Twentieth Century metal hand warmers (\$400/600) highlight more than 50 Asian lots crafted for the wealthy to use as personal, portable heaters. They

were often hidden under the long sleeves of fine robes. Decorative in their own right, these "shou lu" glowed with lit coals whose heat became retained within the metal body. The lot offered contains three circular pieces and one rectangular example, with the largest measuring approximately 5½ inches in width.

From a private San Francisco estate collection comes an oil painting by Raymond Han titled "Yannis Nude #2," which measures 48 by 40 inches, sight size (\$4/6,000). The stark depiction of a seated male nude puts precedence upon the human form, as well as on a subtle display of emotion. Represented by the Jason McCoy Gallery in New York City, the artist's work is sought by museums as well as collectors and institutions.

Michaan's furniture and decorative arts department will present décor, rugs, carpets, fine silver, ceramics, glassworks and ethnographic art pieces. One book highlights this portion of the sale. *Das Evangelier Heinrichs de Lowen (The Gospels of Henry the Lion)*

stands as a beautiful example of master bound print work (\$5/7,000).

This particular edition contains 50 illuminated manuscript pages, gorgeously rendered by hand in color as well as in applied gold leaf. Numerous page breaks contained in the novel bear full-page illustration, with many presented as whimsical religious imagery. The red leather bound edition is marked 573 out of 900, remaining in its original, complete state as well as in crisp condition. The cover is finished by a substantial brass decoration, with the book's storage made complete by a textile covered hard case. An original manuscript of *The Gospels of Henry the Lion* stands as one of the most expensive books ever sold at auction when in 1983 it sold for over eight million British pounds at Sotheby's London.

A one-of-a-kind, history-marking relic is a framed two-piece World War II ticker tape from August 14, 1945, detailing the exact moment of Japan's surrender (\$15/20,000). The first segment of the ticker tape

describes the forthcoming surrender. The second then communicates the military events of the day. The official closing statement announcing Japan's surrender immediately follows this.

This ticker tape is especially rare and valued, as it precisely marks the exact moment when the official announcement of the defeat of the Japanese Empire was transmitted over military wire back to the United States. The radio code on the tape indicates the transmission came from the no. 303 Polish fighter squadron, one of 16 Polish squadrons in the Royal Air Force at that time. The Dixon, Calif., relay station where the message was received was one of four official military receiving channels. This initial wire was then sent to various military stations and was the communication that was most likely how President Truman first learned of the surrender announcement.

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