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STUNNING PIECES REFLECTING CULTURAL TECHNIQUE AND ETHNIC HERITAGE TO BE SOLD AT MICHAAN'S JULY ESTATE AUCTION

In the Michaan's Auctions July Estate Sale the Fine Art Department is offering stunning pieces reflecting cultural technique and ethnic heritage. Lot 926, a standing female figure rhythm pounder, was created in the Senufo tradition. The Senufo people inhabit the Northern Ivory Coast and Southern Mali, crafting carved figure percussion instruments whose legs merge into solid cylindrical bases. Held by their arms, the heavy figures pounded against the ground to provide a rhythmic beat for Senufo dancers. The piece for sale stands 52 ½ inches tall and is estimated at \$500-800.

Paul Jacoulet (1902-1960) was a Paris born artist who ended up spending most of his life in Japan. Considered one of the few western artists to have mastered the technique of Japanese woodblock, Jacoulet perfected his craft to a level where he was recognized and accepted in the Japanese art world. Jacoulet prints are a rare commodity and often sell in the \$5,000-20,000 range. A fine example is The Parisian Lady, a print from 1934, which sold at auction for \$25,000. Offered in the July Estate Sale is lot 866, Belle de Yap et Orchidees, Ouest Carolines. This beautiful Jacoulet color woodblock with conservative estimates of \$700-1,000 will almost surely show strong collector interest.

Once again, the Asian Department has up for sale an exciting collection of glassware, bronzes, ivory and jade carvings, scrolls and porcelains. A definitive set of two blue and white porcelain bowls would be a striking yet traditional addition to any collection (lot

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260, \$600-800). Decorated with Buddhist emblems as well as a classic lotus motif, the bowls read, “wan shou wu jiang” which loosely translates to “infinite long life”. This phrase is typically seen on commissioned pieces made especially to wish the Emperor a long life for his birthday celebration. Measuring 7 ¼ inches, there is a well-executed six-character mark to the base as well.

The Furniture and Decorative Arts Department presents a truly delightful and unusual piece in the July Estate Sale. A Black Forest cast iron bear umbrella stand is being auctioned as lot 419 and exhibits numerous features that make it a special item. From the Swiss Alps, the stand dates to the early 1900's and features a charming bear standing upright on its hind legs. Not only is the bear motif not commonly seen, but its stature of 35 inches makes the piece a substantial decorative item as well (\$1,500-2,000).

Also being offered is a Viennese gilt bronze, enamel miniature folding three-panel screen inset with a clock (lot 567, \$800-1,200). Crafted around 1900, the wonderfully made table clock stands 6 ½ by 7 ¾ inches. The attractively ornate piece is of exceptional quality and is without a doubt an item not to be missed.

A sizable diamond takes center stage amongst the Jewelry Department's collection of jade, watches and gemstones. The approximately 2.85 carat round brilliant-cut diamond exhibits a pleasing color and clarity and is accented by a baguette-cut diamond on each side. The stones are then set in a platinum ring and accompanied by a filled jacket featuring twenty-six baguette-cut diamonds set in platinum as well. The gorgeous engagement set is being offered as lot 229 and holds an impressive total approximate diamond weight of 4.10 carats (\$5,000-7,000).

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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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