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Auction:
Estate Auction
Featuring Fine Art, Decorative Arts, Asian Art and Jewelry
October 2 at 10am (PST)

Previews:
September 30 – October 2 and by appointment

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Alameda, CA

"ENGAGING" ASSCHER DIAMOND, "ENLIGHTENED CENSER HIGHLIGHT OCTOBER SALE

The Jewelry Department is excited to present a diamond, 14k white gold wedding set featuring a lovely Asscher cut diamond in the October Sale (lot 201, \$6,000-9,000). The color and clarity of the 1.95 carat stone is beautiful and of high quality, accented by fifty-one full cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 0.50 carats. It is anticipated to draw strong buyer interest as the vintage appeal of the Asscher cut has become increasingly in vogue and in demand. Accompanied by a matching band ring featuring fifty-three full cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 0.66 carats finished in 14k white gold, the set is an ideal choice for upcoming nuptials.

Prolific artist Childe Hassam headlines the Fine Art Department's October Sale with Coastline, a monoprint on paper from a local estate collection (lot 741, \$2,000-3,000). Recognized as one of America's pioneer Impressionist painters, Hassam studied at the Lowell Institute and the Boston Art Club under Ignaz Gaugengigl. Producing over 3,000 paintings, watercolors, etchings and lithographs by the time of his death in 1935, many critics and artists consider him to be one of the most significant and influential American painters ever seen. Noted for his urban and costal scenes, Hassam's work can be found at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the

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Brooklyn Museum, the National Museum of American Art and the Corcoran Gallery of Art (both in Washington, D.C.) as well as the Musée d'Orsay in France.

Paying homage to the Buddhist Trinity is a Japanese cast bronze censer, exceptionally crafted in reverence and tribute to the divine deities (lot 390, \$1,200-1,600). Pristinely fashioned, the bronze lid depicts the bodhisattva Samantabhadra, a symbol of Buddhist practice and meditation, seated on an elephant along with "The Awakened One of the Shakya Clan," Shakyamuni Buddha and fellow bodhisattva Manjusri, known to be a figure of transcendent wisdom. An object of spiritual relevance, the incense burning vessel was used as a ritual ceremonial object in the practice of Mahayana Buddhism in Japan. The bronze body has applications of gilding along with other precious metals as well, beautifully finishing the piece and giving it a richly regal appearance. The censer along with an exciting collection of glassware, bronzes, porcelains and ivory and jade carvings will also be offered.

From the landmark Shreve & Co. is lot 425, an Art Nouveau sterling silver punch bowl will be offered in the Furniture and Decorative Arts Section of the October Sale (\$2,500-3,000). A San Francisco institution since 1852, Shreve & Co. has been a name synonymous with quality, elegance and style. As the inscription on its historic Post Street building testifies, "From the time of the Gold Rush, Shreve & Co. has been the premier jeweler in the city...It was here that Shreve & Co. exhibited the 720 carat Yonkers diamond, the jewelry of Catherine the Great of Russia and created the state of California's coronation gift to Queen Elizabeth II of England." The total silver weight of the bowl is 45.80 troy ounces, measuring 7 inches in height and 10 ¼ inches in diameter. Standing as a timeless presentation piece, it is sure to be a handsome addition to any silver collection.

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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, 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,

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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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