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Esteemed Lots in Michaan's August Auction *Shakudo Suite, Au Ho-nien Watercolor, Meissen Collectibles, William Richards Oil*

Michaan's will hold its August Estate Auction on Sunday the 5th at 10:00 a.m. in its Main Gallery located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501. Jewelry includes over 130 lots featuring South Sea pearls, gemstones, certified jadeite and coral. A shakudo suite will be offered in August as lot 291, consisting of a brooch and pair of earrings. The set is made of shakudo plaques depicting birds in a nature setting. The pieces are set in 10k yellow gold with tassel motifs adorning the plaques, to be sold at an estimate of \$1,500-1,800.

Another highlighted lot lies in an agate intaglio, 18k yellow gold fibula brooch. The pin features two agate intaglios that each depict a male figure in libation. The brooch will be offered as lot 286 at an estimate of \$300-500.

A wonderful watercolor on paper is being offered as lot 573 at an estimate of \$10,000-12,000. Titled "Yosemite Mountain," Au Ho-nien depicts the grand rock formation in a beautiful wash of pale blue. Purchased directly from the artist in

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China in 1977, it also displays an inscription to the left side and the signature "Au Ho-nien." The painting will be offered with over 100 Asian lots including but not limited to bronzes, jades, porcelains, snuff bottles and Japanese works of art.

Furniture and Decorations highlights selected lots from quite an interesting provenance. From the estate collection of a Hollywood socialite and professional dancer is a selection of collectible porcelain pieces. A lovely Meissen porcelain figure of a bird will be sold as lot 771 with an estimate of \$1,000-1,500. Another Meissen offering is found in a tray as lot 747. The tray is decorated with a bucolic scene of an English gent strolling with a fair maiden. A young mother tending to her child sit to the side of the pathway as well. The border of the tray is beautifully rendered in cobalt blue and gold leaf scrollwork, offered at an estimate of \$800-1,200.

Additional lots from the collection include a Herend Chanticleer pattern china service. The set is hand painted with birds, butterflies in flight and delightful fruits (lot 745, \$2,000-3,000). Also from the private collection is a Royal Copenhagen Flora Danica bowl, complete with ornate gilt metal stand (lot 742, \$1,000-2,000). The bowl features a zig zag rim and leaf tendrils bearing young blooms in soft pastel tones. The highlighted lots are part of a selection that encompasses artisan pieces such as McGary Studios, Luca Madrassi, Tiffany Studios and Redmond Studio Glass.

Fine art's estate offerings comprise 135 lots of European and American art primarily from the 18th to 20th centuries. Prominent lots include oil paintings (Harry Curieux Adamson's "Geese in Winter," lot 065, \$5,000-10,000), watercolors (Beatrice Parsons' "Blooming Landscape," lot 027, \$3,000-5,000) and lithographs (Joan Miro's "Arlequin Circonscriit, 1973," lot 052, \$3,000-5,000). Quality engravings, photographs, etchings, bronzes and serigraphs are also included in the estate offerings.

An August highlight is found in William Trost Richards "David's Headlands Wales" (lot 071, \$4,000-6,000). The oil painting was gifted to the present owner by M.J. & A.E. van Loben Sels who donated 250 works of art by W.T. Richards to the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University in 1992. This van Loben Sels collection of Richard pieces derived from inherited works from the artist's son. The piece's fine provenance as well as the celebrated artist is almost certain to draw strong bidder interest.

The illustrated auction catalog will be on-line for review at www.michaans.com. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on August 3rd until the day of sale. For more information please visit our website or call the front

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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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