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Romance & Whimsy Abound at Michaan's Auctions

Achille's Roses, Eclectic Jewelry, "Magic" Service Set Highlight February Sale

The Jewelry Department highlights sought after pieces that are sure to please in the February Estate Sale. A classic Tiffany & Co. diamond and platinum engagement ring is a timeless piece of exceptional quality. The ring centers a round brilliant cut diamond weighing approximately 0.95 carats and is accented by fifteen full cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 0.20 carats. The stones exhibit beautiful color and clarity and are set in platinum. Signed Tiffany & Co. (lot **127**, \$2,500-3,500).

Making an appearance once again on the auction room floor are Ippolita jewelry pieces. Ippolita has been extremely popular in previous offerings at Michaan's and we are pleased to have a varied assortment in wonderful condition yet again. One such piece is lot **100**, an Ippolita diamond, 18k yellow gold "Anniversary" bracelet. The asymmetric links are encrusted in approximately three hundred and forty full cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 3.00 carats. Signed Ippolita Anniversary 2010 (\$2,500-3,500). Also available is an Ippolita "Party" ring featuring blue chalcedony, mother-of-pearl and blue topaz set in 18k yellow gold. Signed Ippolita (lot **104**, \$700-900).

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Amongst the Asian Department's sale of porcelains, jades, furniture, ivory, coral, artworks and decorative items is lot **204**, a collection of Asian style jewelry (\$400-600). The pieces in the unusual grouping were purchased in Hong Kong in the 1960s and 70s, displaying numerous ethnic and Asian design nuances. The collection is indicative of its provenance, coming from the Napa estate of a world traveler and collector. Of the three beaded and inlaid necklaces is a Tibetan style coral, turquoise, lapis lazuli, malachite necklace featuring stone ornamentation on the chain and a medallion centerpiece with three ornate drops. The necklace shows quality workmanship and is handsomely displayed in a custom made, fitted box. Completing the lot is a three specimen coral ring measuring approximately 2 1/2 inches in height and an enamel, floral motif bangle bracelet displaying lovely blue and green tones and cut out designs.

The Furniture and Decorations Department presents a variety of lots including porcelain service sets, folk art, vintage accessories, decorative pipes, clocks, rugs and silver. Lot **380** is a Rosenthal Winoblad Studio Line dinner service set that serves eight (\$3,000-4,000). The set is fashioned in the Magic Flute Pattern which was based upon opera imagery. The continuous artwork on the pieces depict stylized figures cavorting amongst animals, flora and fauna. The heavy gold leaf work is absolutely gorgeous, making the set a lovely addition for a formal dinner party.

The Fine Art portion of the February auction is largely composed of 18th, 19th and 20th century European and American works of art. Offerings include but are not limited to sculpture, watercolors, oil paintings, drawings, lithographs, etchings, block prints and ceramics. Numerous prominent California artists are featured in the sale including Henrietta Berk, Carl Jonnevold, Leslie B. Buck and Melanie Taylor Kent. Highlighting the European offerings is an Achille Lauge oil, masterfully yet simply depicted in a realist style. Basket of Roses displays a gathering of blush and red blooms in and about a simple wicker basket. From one of the most coveted names comes this eternally collectable painting, offered as lot **516** (\$8,000-12,000).

The illustrated auction catalog will be on-line for review at www.michaans.com. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on February 3 and continue until the day of sale. For more information please visit our website or call the front desk at (510) 740-0220.

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.

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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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