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Eclectic Estate Offerings at Michaan's

Van Rappard's "Cavaliers," Art Nouveau Bat Brooch, Chinese Zither, Patent Models in July Auction

Michaan's will hold its July Estate auction on Sunday the 1st at 10 a.m. in its Main Gallery located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501. The Fine Art Department's European offerings will open the auction, including lots from artists Marc Chagall, Pierre Auguste Renoir, Ludwig Bang, Achille Lauge and Roger Bezombes. American art will close the sale with Wayne Thiebaud, Paul Landacre, Robert Wyland, Luke E. Gibney, Jack Zajac and Peter Max represented in the offered lots.

Dutch painter Alexander Gerhard Anton van Rappard's oil "Cavaliers" highlights the July offerings, to be sold as lot 005 (\$8,000-12,000). The painting depicts a rural maiden and three of her admirers in a rustic dining area. Van Rappard's paintings are quite rare due in part to his short life of only 33 years. During his brief painting career van Rappard studied under Lawrence Alma-Tadema and befriended Vincent van Gogh. The scarcity and quality of his works

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have lead them to be highly prized in the contemporary market.

The Jewelry Department features a one-of-a-kind, Art Nouveau plique-à-jour, silver bat brooch amongst its lots of fine, period and vintage costume jewelry (lot 183, \$800-1,200). The piece was made in Europe for export and is fashioned with enamel wings accented by four white sapphires. The brooch measures 4 1/2 inches in length by 1 inch in height and is a piece sure to delight collectors and buyers alike.

A lovely selection of high-end timepieces and handbags will also be up for auction. Watch makers include names such as Rolex, Patek Philippe, Piaget and Breitling. Vintage and fashion handbag lots feature designs from the likes of Judith Leiber, Salvatore Ferragamo, Longchamp and Louis Vuitton.

Amongst the Asian Department's offerings of ceramics, porcelains, jades, bronzes, furniture and Japanese lots is a lovely Chinese zither, offered as lot 451 (\$600-800). The wooden musical instrument measures approximately 47 inches by 7 inches and is accented by seven dark brown tassels. An inscription on the reverse bears a collectors seal, beautifully fashioned in gold colored paint. The Chinese zither originated over 2,300 years ago, making it one of the oldest Chinese musical instruments known. To this day, the Chinese zither is understood to be a type of Chinese harp or piano.

Furniture and decorative items consist of over 200 lots including European and American period furniture, Tiffany & Co. silver and a wide selection of collectible perfume bottles and decanters. Quite notable is an interesting grouping of patent models and advertising signs from a private Bay Area collector. Two of the most charming pieces from the collection include two patent model furniture lots. The first is a walnut drop leaf table circa 1875 (lot 774, \$700-900) and the other a mahogany convertible chair marked H. Braunfeld (lot 776, \$600-800). Other miscellaneous patent model items are available from the estate including a mechanical steam pressure regulator circa 1863 (lot 775, \$600-800), a red and black metal furnace from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (lot 772, \$500-700) and a mahogany lard cooler circa 1880 (lot 773, \$400-600).

The illustrated auction catalog will be on-line for review at www.michaans.com. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on May 29th until the day of sale. For more information please visit our website or call the front desk at (510) 740-0220.

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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, 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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