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Previews:
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Alameda, CA

Large Colored Diamond, Jean Vendome Necklace Featured In Michaan's Jewelry Auction

Saturday, June 16th, 2012 marks Michaan's Auctions Jewelry and Timepiece Auction. The auction will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the main gallery located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501. Over 400 lots of beautiful jewelry pieces, including but not limited to, period and contemporary jewelry, gentleman's pieces and premiere maker watch brands such as Patek Philippe and Rolex comprise the sale. Property has originated from local collections as well as estates.

Diamond rings offered in the auction are quite substantial, represented by the following highlighted lots. One of the largest diamonds is set in a

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platinum and 18 karat yellow gold ring being sold as lot 3435 (\$14,000-18,000). The fancy, radiant-cut, light yellow diamond weighs 4.02 carats and is certified by a GIA Colored Diamond Grading Report. The center stone is flanked by two half moon-cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 0.40 carats which compliment the center stone beautifully. Also available is a ring featuring an old European-cut diamond weighing approximately 1.70 carats of wonderful color and clarity (lot 3440). The center stone is then accented by six baguette-cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 0.30 carats. Sixteen single-cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 0.15 carats complete the platinum ring, estimated at \$6,000-9,000.

From quite an interesting provenance is a pair of Victorian cuff bracelets offered as lot 3269 at an estimate of \$4,000-6,000. The bracelets are part of a jewelry suite from the collection of Anna McKenna Tillman. Tillman's husband, Frank, was a prominent San Francisco businessman in the late 1800s who made his fortune selling safes and scales. Anna undoubtedly had a plethora of jewelry to choose from in her own personal collection, but she chose to wear these particular bracelets for her portrait sitting. Each hinged bangle features seven pearls in the form of a cross accented by black enamel. Scroll motifs are fashioned throughout the cuffs as well which are accompanied by a fitted box. Also noteworthy is the painting showing the bracelets, to be offered on the 9th of June.

Michaan's Auctions is pleased to present an amethyst, crystal and stalactite Jean Vendome necklace, believed to be from the 1960s (lot 3190, \$1,500-2,000). The piece features amethyst slices and unfinished crystals, creating an unconventional and breathtakingly beautiful piece. Upon one side is a line of eight natural, graduating amethyst crystals. The other side is fashioned with seven amethyst slabs, whose crystalline effect appears to blossom along the neckline. Two carved amethyst flowers that each display a diamond finish the succession of slabs, echoing the theme beautifully. The piece is signed J. Vendome and is accompanied by a handmade, fitted box.

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A rare find is held in lot 3433, an opal, diamond and platinum necklace with an estimate of \$9,000-15,000. The graduated opal beads are of the highest quality with an intense, fiery spark and are matched with the utmost precision. The necklace is beautifully completed by a platinum filigreed fish hook clasp accented by 0.06 carats of full-cut diamonds.

Many remarkable jade lots are up for auction, but a pair of jadeite drop earrings prove to be a unique selection of quality. Each earring features a jadeite plaque of exceptional translucency and rich color, measuring approximately 40 x 15 x 2 mm. Each plaque bears a carving of a delightful squirrel crawling amongst grape bunches and leaves. The jadeite in these earrings is known to be over 40 years old and impressively remains in pristine condition. The whimsical earrings will be offered as lot 3346 at an estimate of \$2,000-3,000.

The illustrated auction catalog will be online for review at www.michaans.com. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on June 1-3, 8-9 and by appointment and day of auction. 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.

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

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\$266,000.

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