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Estate Auction
featuring fine art, decorative arts and Asian art
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Asian, American & European Collectibles & Art in June Auction

*Lots include Shiwan ware, Tiffany bronze frame #947 and
.D.M. Cooper oil paintings*

Michaan's will hold its June Estate Auction on Sunday the 3rd at 10 a.m. in its Main Gallery located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501. Asian works of art, European and American period decorations and furniture and fine art will comprise the sale. For the first time, estate jewelry will be combined with its higher end counterparts in a 440 lot auction held on Saturday the 16th of June.

The Asian portion of the auction includes 150 lots containing decorative objects, bronzes, white jade, snuff bottles, furniture and Chinese and Japanese porcelains. Highlighting the offerings are two 20th century Shiwan ware figure vases (lot 250, \$300-500). The cloaked Asian male figures each cradle an ovoid vessel that functions as a vase. Both are painted in tones of russet and light grey and measure approximately 12 1/2 inches in height. Shiwan ware originates from the Guangdong provincial city of Foshan. Clay for these wares was found in area preserves as well as from distant locations, often mixed to

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provide a variety of textures and aesthetic qualities. Texture can range anywhere from a fine porcelain finish to a rough stoneware. The offered vases have a smooth, clay-like finish and medium weight.

The Furniture and Decorations Department features three distinct lots amongst its offerings of ceramics, glass, collectibles, silver and rugs. Lot 562 is a Tiffany Studios patinated bronze pine needle picture frame with its original verdigris patina. The frame features cutouts to the bronze, creating a web-like appearance bordered by continuous strands of round bronze beads. The frame's condition is excellent, measuring approximately 9 1/2 by 7 3/4 inches, while the window measures approximately 5 1/4 by 3 3/4 inches. The frame is marked Tiffany Studios New York, #947 (\$2,000-3,000).

Two delightful, whimsically rustic pieces are notable lots from the department as well. Lot 486 is an Italian micro-mosaic pastoral plaque depicting a shepherd and shepherdess with goats at an estimate of \$2,000-3,000. Also available is lot 487, a pietra dura panel of roosters with an estimate of \$500-700.

Rounding out the sale are groupings of Meissen figures and serving pieces in addition to a selection of tribal rugs, textiles and saddlebags. Particularly nice is a signed Kashmiri paisley long shawl measuring approximately 59 by 130 inches (lot 559, \$800-1,200). Also noteworthy is a Chinese export famille rose celadon ground tureen being sold as lot 482 (\$900-1,200). Collectors will also be delighted at the addition of multiple lots of Lalique figures and dishes sold along side numerous decorative perfume bottles.

The Fine Art Department's estate offerings comprise roughly 150 lots of European and American art primarily from the 18th to 20th centuries. Lots include oil paintings, watercolors, woodblock prints, lithographs, serigraphs and etchings. The two featured lots are oil paintings from local artist A.D.M. Cooper. Cooper is regarded as San Jose's most famous artist who had a reputation for his larger than life personality and his artistic achievements. The Cooper offerings include lot 061 titled "Through the Woods, 1906" (\$3,000-5,000). The autumn forest scene shows a rough, country trail surrounded by trees in a transitional state; yellow and orange leaves have fallen from many of the branches, blanketing the forest ground. Lot 062 is titled "Approaching Fire, 1907" and is being sold at an estimate of \$2,500-3,500. The painting is a simple yet beautiful scene of trees surrounding a lake. The soft focus technique used gives a wonderfully subdued feeling to the piece, also translated in the velvety waters. Both paintings originate from a private San Mateo, California collection and were purchased directly from the artist.

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The illustrated auction catalog will be on-line for review at www.michaans.com. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on June 1st 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.

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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