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Iconic Modern Offerings to be Sold at Michaan's *Master artisans and classic designs define July's 20th Century Design Auction*

Over 165 lots of modern design will be made available on Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in Michaan's Main Gallery. Major modern collecting categories held in the auction include, but are not limited to, jewelry, lighting, decorations, artwork and furniture as well as American and Danish designs. Prominent artisans are handsomely represented, with pieces seen from masters such as George Nakashima, Harvey Probbler, Bruce Beasley, Peter Hvidt and Hans Wegner. The following highlights represent the diverse property available for sale at a range of price points to please a multitude of buyers.

The auction will open with 23 modern jewelry lots, highlighted by an Arthur King silver bracelet (lot 4001, \$600-700). The bracelet is designed with three connected segments of abstract, fluid forms and is verified by a stamp mark denoting "KING STERLING." Although King once had shops in New York, Miami, Paris, Havana and London, his jewelry pieces remain relatively rare in today's market. King's naturalistic styles are often emulated, but few have come close to replicating his recognizable aesthetic genius.

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A fine furniture lot is found in a pair of T.H. Robsjohn-Gibbings for Saridis of Athens walnut and leather Klismos chairs. These coveted chairs were born from the famous design collaboration of important American decorator T.H. Robsjohn-Gibbings and Greek designers Susan and Eleftherios Saridis. The design team came to create the Klismos line of furniture and an appreciative following soon formed. After the line was established in America, Robsjohn-Gibbings eventually moved to Athens where he became the personal designer to Aristotle Onassis. The Klismos chairs will be auctioned as lot 4041 at an estimate of \$4,000-6,000.

Representing moderately estimated lots in the July auction is 4095, a streamlined Parzinger coffee tureen. The striking tureen is manufactured by Dorlyn Silversmiths and wonderfully conveys Tommi Parzinger's sense of uncomplicated "high-style modernism." Parzinger's designs have graced numerous prominent New York estates and garnered a famous clientele that once included celebrities such as Marilyn Monroe. The piece remains in wonderful condition, with simple black handles beautifully complimenting the polished brass body. Completed by a matching base burner, the lot will be sold at a conservative auction estimate of \$200-300.

One of modern designs most recognizable objects will grace the auction floor as well. A pair of Knoll Barcelona chairs with accompanying ottoman stands as a design icon and fixture of the Modern Movement. The chairs are fashioned in their original tan leather upholstery with polished stainless steel frames. A matching Knoll ottoman completes the furniture suite, with all of the pieces remaining in excellent condition. This classic furniture set will be sold at an estimate of \$3,200-4,200 (lot 4045).

The auction's grand finale comes from Brazilian modernist furniture pioneer Joaquim Tenreiro. Tenreiro is an undeniable influence on the modern Brazilian furniture movement. In fact, he is largely known as the father of modern furniture in Brazil, leaving behind an unrivaled legacy that is revered to this day. Tenreiro's defining "Mesa Triangular" dining table is the final lot of the sale at number 4164 (\$30,000-40,000). The vibrant piece has a bright yellow, triangular table top and the overall design expresses a lightness and graciousness that Tenreiro is well-known for.

Michaan's 20th Century Design Auction will commence on Saturday, July the 6th at 1:00 p.m. Previews will be held in Michaan's Main Gallery the day before as well as the day of sale. Michaan's Auctions is located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

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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 and Asian Works of 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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