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## PRE SALE PRESS RELEASE!

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Auction:  
Estate Auction  
Featuring fine art, decorative arts, Asian art and jewelry  
May 5 at 10am

Previews:  
May 3 - 5 and by appointment

Location:  
Michaan's Auctions  
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### Michaan's Multifaceted May

*Classic image of Old World Italy, certified jade earrings, delightful Chinese export watercolor album and whimsical Tramp Art represent variety of May auction offerings*

Fine art highlight selections in Michaan's May estate auction demonstrates the width and breadth of various collector categories. At the forefront of the sale is "The Macaroni Eater," after Sir John Everett Millias (lot 007, \$4,000-6,000). The oil on canvas is a classic image of Old World Italy, with a carefree young lad as the primary subject. The youth sits barefoot on a stone building stoop, enjoying pasta with his hands with a flask of wine to his side. The piece measures approximately 14.5 x 9.5 inches and is accompanied by a gilt Thomas A. Willomurt, New York frame.

Also of note is Russian Federation artist Viacheslav Vasilevich Kalinin's pastel on paper titled "Dove and Moscow" (lot 052, \$2,000-3,000). Rounding out the sale is Cornelius Bouter's oil "Feeding the Baby" (lot 017) and Richard Detreville's "California River Landscape," (lot 024), both offered at an auction estimate of \$1,500-2,000 each.

The jewelry portion will be offering over 200 lots this month. In addition to quality offerings of diamonds, colored gemstones, precious metals and timepieces will be an exciting array of categories. Various period selections and corals will make an

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appearance, in addition to a handsome number of jade lots. Leading the selections is a pair of jade, diamond and 18 karat white gold earrings (lot 298, \$4,000-6,000). Each earring features a beautifully translucent jadeite cabochon that measures approximately 9.00 x 5.31 x 3.60 millimeters. Thirty-six full cut diamonds then accent the certified, natural 'A' grade jadeite stones. The earrings are accompanied and guaranteed by a GIA Gem Trade Laboratory Report, stating that they are in fact of "natural color" and bear "no indication of impregnation."

Asian lots include porcelains, scrolls, glassworks and furniture as well as Chinese and Japanese art literature. A large selection of jades are also seen in the Asian offerings, with over 20 lots containing carved decorative objects. Jade pieces range from scholar's implements to snuff bottles and plaques to figurines, with a variety of stone characteristics represented.

Highlighting the Asian offerings is a delightful album of Chinese export gouache watercolor paintings on rice paper (lot 674, \$300-500). The album is from the estate collection of Senator Theodore Francis Green (1867-1966). Green once served as a Democratic governor and U.S. senator from the state of Rhode Island. He held a seat in the U.S. senate from 1936-1961 and at the time of his retirement at 93, was the oldest person serving. Green's illustrious political career also led him to be selected by then President Harry Truman to serve as a delegate to the 7th General Assembly of the United Nations in 1952. The Sunqua studio album from his estate collection contains twelve highly detailed paintings of young ladies enjoying various leisure activities. The young beauties are seen practicing simple pleasures, including sewing pastimes, basketry and the enjoyment of lychee fruits. The fine brushwork, saturated colors and expert use of shading breathe life into the whimsical paintings and clearly reflect the skill of a highly trained artist.

Furniture and decorative arts features many promising offerings. The decorations section includes artisan names such as Bradley & Hubbard, Van Briggle and Peter Reginato. Furniture styles in the sale include Baroque, Biedermeier and Renaissance. Various rugs and carpets are seen, with pieces of Turkish, Persian, Chinese and Pakistani origins included. Prominent silver lots include a Wallace Rose Point sterling dinnerware set for eight complete with silver box (lot 430, \$2,000-3,000) and a forty-eight piece Oneida Michelangelo set (lot 438, \$1,200-1,600).

A whimsical collection of 10 lots of Tramp Art are also available. The pieces are from a notable San Francisco antique collector who has long been recognized for exclusive, collectible items of quality. The novelty Tramp Art collection consists of boxes, frames and decorative crosses. Of the offered containers are a sewing box dated to 1919, a pair of art boxes circa 1900, a jewelry box complete with a key and a uniquely carved German box signed "Eugen Fritz." Found in the three decorative frame lots is a Victorian era piece and of the three circa 1900 crosses is one fashioned with a

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skull and crossbones.

The illustrated auction catalog will be available for review at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com). Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on May 3rd and continue until May 5th, the day of sale. For general information please call (510) 740-02200 ext. 0 or e-mail [info@michaans.com](mailto:info@michaans.com). Michaan's Auctions is located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

## **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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