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Auction:
April Estate Auction
Featuring fine art, decorative arts and jewelry
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Previews:
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Michaan's April Auction in a "New York State of Mind" with Chelsey Bonestell Lithograph

Over 100 fine art lots primarily of American and European origins will be presented at Michaan's in April. The auction will bring over 35 lots of oil paintings to bidders from artists of the 19th to the 21st centuries. Works on paper are abundant, as seen in a pleasing selection of prints, serigraphs, watercolors, etchings, gouache, pastels and lithographs. A lithograph by California artist Chesley Bonestell (1888-1986), known as the "Father of Modern Space Art," will be sold as lot 553 at an estimate of \$900-1,200. Bonestell was a compositional perfectionist, known for producing methodical, uncompromised, clean images. His body of work of sharply imaginative science fiction art and illustration lead to him being a primary inspiration for the American space program. His recognized eye for excellence is apparent in the presented sale image titled "New York, Central Building." The circa 1930 depiction is of a dramatic evening scene of the iconic building, framed by two beams of klieg lights as well as city buildings of Park Avenue. The piece measures approximately 40 x 25 7/8 inches and is signed upon the lower left corner "Chesley Bonestell."

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Jewelry abounds in April at Michaan's as the sale presents over 240 varied lots. Noteworthy pieces include unique statement rings found in two picks from a private San Francisco estate collection. Lot 301 is a diamond, ruby and 14 karat white gold ring of a beautifully crafted band (\$2,500-3,500). Rows of gemstones are finished by a diamond accented white gold curl alongside a center round brilliant cut diamond of an approximate 1.10 carats. One lower and one upper row upon each side of the band is then lined by a total of sixteen square cut rubies weighing approximately 1.00 carat. The other highlighted ring from the estate collection is of sculptural design, appearing as an embellished, golden bolt of lightning. The design is enhanced by two pear shape lapis lazuli cabochons and thirty-one full cut diamonds set in platinum and 18 karat yellow gold (lot 234, \$400-600).

Yet another jewelry highlight is found in a Victorian 14 karat rose gold watch chain (lot 310, \$800-900). The hand crafted links are simply fashioned as elongated oval segments joined by decorative, caged links. The 13 inch chain bears quite a hefty gold weight of 23.6 pennyweights and is finished by a "T" bar closure. Period watch chains have enjoyed a resurgence, as many modern day wearers utilize them with a fresh twist. For instance, one can creatively layer and link up multiple chains around the neckline to craft a beautiful and eclectic look. The watch chain for sale could easily double as a bracelet or be paired with multiple chains to achieve this pieced together look.

Additional highlights in the auction include GIA certified jades (lots 264 and 263), a pair of classic 15 millimeter cultured pearl drop earrings (lot 296), a collection of 18 karat yellow gold coin pendants (lots 243, 242, 244) and a platinum Movado pocket watch (lot 312).

A local estate tableware collection provides many fine pieces to bidders in the sale, presented just in time for summer nuptial celebrations. Three presented lots of china service sets would be fit for any pre-wedding to wedding party, with offerings of Royal Crown Derby bone china in the Derby Border style (lot 611, \$600-800), an assorted suite of Coalport and Royal Worcester china (lot 598, \$400-600) and a Royal Doulton service in the Arcadia pattern (lot 619, \$400-600). Toast the bride and groom with one of three lots of crystal stemware. Available groupings include a suite of Waterford Maeve stemware (lot 412, \$800-1,200), Waterford wine glasses and coopers (lot 414, \$500-700) and a mixed collection consisting of a Galway suite of goblets, sifters, tumblers and cordials, as well as seven Waterford champagne flutes (lot 413, \$400-600). Congratulate the couple with a classic present of floral motif sterling silver flatware, found in a service suite of International Fontaine utensils at an auction estimate of \$2,000-3,000 (lot 389).

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The illustrated auction catalog will be posted online at www.michaans.com when it becomes available. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on April 4th until the day of sale, April 6, 2014. For general information please call (510) 740-0220 ext. 0 or e-mail 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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