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August Auction's Admirable "Animals"

Featured property includes Bufano attributed "Eagle," charitable offering benefitting Greyhound Friends for Life, Olsen-Nolte parade horse saddle, original Papa Bear Chair

Michaan's Fine Art Department will showcase over 80 lots in the August sale. Highlighting the department's auction offerings is streamlined, naturalistic sculpture titled "Eagle" attributed to Beniamino Benvenuto Bufano (lot 337, \$7,000-9,000). The bronze covered plaster sculpture reflects a bust of the stately bird, pointing up at an angle as if about to take flight. The piece rests upon an understated wooden stand, with the sculpture pieces joined together by a solid metal rebar. The metal sculpture itself is quite substantial, carrying a total approximate measurement of 31 3/4 inches in length with a wing span of approximately 23 1/2 inches. Accompanying the piece at auction are also numerous nature images, including but not limited to, a haunting silver gelatin print titled "Coyote near Happy Isle, Yosemite 1970" by Bay Area photographer Leo Miller Holub (lot 328, \$800-1,000), river landscape oil paintings by American artists Peter Lanz Hohnstedt and Tilden Daken (lots 295 and 317 respectively, each at an estimate of \$600-800) and a classic California eucalyptus landscape oil painting signed "S.E. Kelley" at a conservative estimate of \$300-500.

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Jewelry pieces will bring approximately 125 lots to auction, with a delightful Victorian suite listed as lot number 006 that seems certain to enchant numerous bidders (\$600-800). Both the earrings and pendant brooch in the set feature carved hard stone cameos depicting the profile of a lady. These miniature works of art are then set in 9 karat yellow and rose gold mountings, adorned by finely fashioned floral and leaf motifs. All of the pieces remain in wonderful condition and come complete with an original period box. Joining the Victorian suite will be other noteworthy items such as diamond rings in both marquis (lot 089, \$1,700-2,000) and brilliant cuts (lot 033, \$1,100-1,500), a Vacheron & Constantin 14k yellow gold pocket watch (lot 119, \$700-900), three coral and 14 karat yellow gold bracelets (lot 010, \$900-1,200) and a Mason Kay certified butterfly brooch comprised of jadeite wings with a cultured pearl body (lot 109, \$900-1,200).

Asian works of art originating outside of the realm of mainland China account for many interesting lots in the August sale. Of particular note are three Laotian silver whips and daggers (lot 198, \$800-1,200), a Japanese brass gong on an intricately carved wood stand (lot 256, \$300-500), a Southeast Asian bronze rain drum (lot 202, \$1,000-1,500) and a traditional Japanese sword (lot 259, \$800-1,200).

However, a beautifully decorated Chinese export famille rose punch bowl stands as this month's star lot (lot 227, \$1,500-2,000). The bowl dates to 1760 and is continuously decorated in both the interior and exterior. Adornments include figural landscapes, birds, blossoming prunus and gilt-paint work, as well as renditions of flowers and fruit. Proceeds from the sale of the bowl will benefit Greyhound Friends for Life. Greyhound Friends for Life is a nonprofit, volunteer greyhound rescue, adoption and advocacy organization. They remain dedicated to finding loving and qualified homes in the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California for former racing greyhounds. The welfare of the racing greyhound can be grossly compromised for financial gain, therefore, Greyhound Friends for Life does not accept greyhound industry funding.

A quality Olsen-Nolte parade saddle is yet another unique piece to be found at auction (lot 418). The San Carlos, California based Olsen-Nolte Saddle Shop piece is in excellent, like new condition, custom made in the 1930s by the manufacturer. The sepia brown, floral impressed leather is joined by sterling silver accoutrements found in the saddle's tapaderos and stirrups. The seat measures approximately 21 inches in length, fit for a size large to extra large rider. The Olsen-Nolte parade saddle with sterling silver elements will be sold on August the 3rd at an auction estimate of \$8,000-10,000.

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A mid-century modern classic will be up for sale in Hans Wegner's original design Papa Bear Chair, listed as lot 425. Also known as the Teddy Bear Chair, this piece has frequently made lists of top designer lounge seating since its introduction in 1951. The popularity of the Papa Bear Chair has undoubtedly endured, coveted by furniture enthusiasts to high end designers. The Papa Bear Chair was also selected for the newly refurbished Marden House by Frank Lloyd Wright. The Marden House was purchased in the year 2000 by America Online founding chairman James V. Kimsey. The Papa Bear Chair and ottoman for sale are both authentic pieces, to be sold at an auction estimate of \$3,500-4,500.

The illustrated auction catalog will be posted online at www.michaans.com when it becomes available. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on August the 1st until the day of sale, August 3, 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

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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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