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Featuring fine art, decorative arts and jewelry
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Local Painter, Modern Seating & Valentine's Inspired Property in Michaan's February Auction

Acquisitions of fine art in the sale have come from estates, private collections, corporate collections and institutions throughout the West Coast. Approximately 90 lots will be offered in the February auction, with the lion's share of property reflecting American and European works from the 19th to 20th centuries. Important contemporary print makers will provide coveted pieces to the world market as well, with pieces seen from notable artists such as Pat Steir, Gregory Kondos and Christo. Highlighting the auction's offered oil paintings is a Carl Sammons (1886-1968) piece titled "Virginia Lake, High Sierras" (018, \$2,500-3,000). The majestic mountains and pristine lakeside of the region are depicted in the image of an approximate measurement of 12 by 16 inches. The painting is beautifully complimented by a carved artisan wood frame, with both remaining in excellent showroom condition. Sammons extensive travels throughout California eventually led him to settle in Oakland. His naturalistic, representational and coastal theme works were largely born from the inspiration he drew from the Monterey Peninsula, Russian River, Humboldt County, Palm Springs and Santa Barbara. Sammons presence was evident in California artistic circles as he remained in Oakland until his death on February 4, 1968 and was exhibited at the California Industries Expo in San Diego in 1926.

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February estate offerings of modern furniture and decor are highlighted by a handcrafted Dunbar sofa by Edward Wormley (lot 576, \$800-1,000). The reupholstered sofa of a fine ivory patterned fabric stems from a private San Francisco estate and comes complete with accompanying back pillows. The depth of the seating is of signature design and lends to the comfort that Wormley's furniture pieces are well-known for. Wormley's design approach wonderfully fuses classic elegance with modern appeal, a notion which once lead him to write that, "Modernism means freedom -- freedom to mix, to choose, to change, to embrace the new but to hold on fast to what is good."

The jewelry portion of the auction presents over 120 lots in February, with highlighted pieces reflecting the breadth of the offerings. An approximate, quality 2.19 carat demantoid garnet specimen is found in a ring listed as lot 241 (\$1,500-2,000). The GRS certified stone is simply and elegantly set in an 18 karat white gold mounting, delicately accented by approximately 0.50 carats of diamonds. Also available is a Cartier diamond, pearl, platinum and 14 karat yellow gold bar brooch (lot 260, \$500-700) as well as a fashion-forward Rolex Date steel ladies wristwatch (lot 282, \$300-400).

An undoubtedly unique and beautiful jewelry piece is found in a diamond and platinum ring appointed as lot 269. The design of the ring draws marked attention to an approximate 1.00 carat old European cut center stone, as it is flanked by a vertical line of four baguette cut diamonds. The opulent diamond look is further enhanced by two old European cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 1.30 carats, as well as an additional twenty-two single cut diamonds set upon the band. The ring of an approximate 4.1 pennyweights will be offered in the February sale at an auction estimate of \$5,000-9,000.

Michaan's Furniture & Decorative Arts Department will offer a wide range of property in February. Furniture lots include, but are not limited to, Classical Revival, Regency, Federal, Renaissance Revival, Victorian, Contemporary Chippendale, Provincial Georgian and Gothic Revival pieces. Lot collections are also plentiful amongst the department's offerings. Over 40 lots of quality silver will be available; a category that remains one of the most popular with bidders at Michaan's. Fourteen lots of bronze sculpture in a variety of depictions will be sold as well, at estimates ranging from \$300 to a high of \$4,000 for a large Remington bronze rider and horse (lot 159). Meissen offerings are found in 10 lots, with fruit plates, service pieces, a vase and various figures for sale. Of the Meissen lots is a lovely figural group presented in the spirit of St. Valentine's Day. A courting couple is depicted upon a decorated base of vibrantly colored Deutsch Blumen. An amorous gent leans toward his lady love, whose full, floral patterned skirt also appears to be in full bloom. Detailed, hand paint work and a lustrous glaze add further beauty to the depiction of the lovers, to be sold as lot 498 at an auction estimate of \$1,000-1,500.

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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 January 31st until the day of sale, February 2, 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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