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Auction:

Estate Auction  
Featuring fine art, decorative arts, Asian art and jewelry  
Sunday, October 5

Previews:

October 3 - 5  
and by appointment

Location:

Michaan's Auctions  
2751 Todd Street  
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## October Property Highlights Both International and Local Artistry

Jewelry offerings showcase a bewitchingly eye-catching piece in a Mexican enamel and sterling silver snake necklace. Turquoise colored enamel work composes the snake's scales, with each joint of the necklace held together by a sterling silver pin of a robin's egg blue colored head. The articulated necklace holds a clever clasp that also provides the central focal point of the piece, crafted as the animal's head resting upon its tail. On the reverse, a silver stamp is evidenced, as well as lifelike metal work detailed on the back of the snake's head. A forked tongue finishes the piece, peaking from the mouth and adding a whimsical touch. The Mexican enamel and sterling silver snake necklace will be auctioned as lot 033 at an estimate of \$300-500.

Approximately 125 Asian lots will be made available in October, reflecting many pieces of quality of fine materials. Examples are found in a lot of a large smokey quartz carved vase complete with fitted lid (lot 342, \$800-1,200), an agate snuff bottle of an approximate 3 inch height (lot 345, \$500-700), a multicolored Chinese embroidered silk skirt (lot 372, \$400-600)

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and a delightful enamel and silver articulated goldfish in lot 350 (\$300-400). A wide assortment of decorative bronzes will also be presented in 15 lots, with estimates ranging from a low of \$300 to a high of \$1,200. Included in this auction collection is a Tibetan origin lot of lidded containers (lot 352, \$600-800) as well as a pair of Japanese Buddhist lions (lot 303, \$800-1,200).

Highlighting October's Asian antiquities is a lacquered wood box featuring auspicious symbols listed as sale lot 366. The lid of the box centers a painted longevity medallion, encircled by a highly stylized rendition of a bat upon each of the four corners. In the Chinese culture, bats symbolize good fortune and happiness; a stark departure from the animal's often dark and mysterious Western connotations. The decorative box has the option of being prominently displayed on a simple, matching wood stand and it is also accompanied in the lot by a set of small stacking trays. The box, with stand, measures approximately 20 3/4 x 20 x 20 inches and will be sold at an auction estimate of \$300-500.

Michaan's Fine Art Department anticipates an approximate 90 lot sale primarily of 19th and 20th century American and European works, highlighted by quite a unique sculpture. Tony Natsoulas' (b. 1959) larger than life ceramic "Man with Bud Light and Remote Control" is a signature piece from the Sacramento, California artist (lot 499, \$300-500). His primary focus has remained in creating large scale forms of humorous subject matters, leading some to dub him a "prankster in clay." "Man with Bud Light and Remote Control" carries with it quite a grand stature, measuring approximately 59 inches in height by 21 inches in width at the widest point. Although his chosen subjects are often lighthearted, his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of California, Davis found him the student of highly regarded figurative ceramic sculpture master Robert Arneson. Since Natsoulas began working as a professional ceramicist in 1985, he has received a prestigious nod by the Smithsonian as well, who declared him one of the top one hundred craft artists in the United States.

An Italian Renaissance Revival savonrola chair is a ferociously beautiful pick amongst the estate sale's European furniture lots. The vintage piece is fashioned with carved beast form figures, sitting on double form paw feet. The beasts appear as carved bust profiles and full body depictions in profile, as well as in three-dimensional form lounging upon the chair's armrests. Three mischievously cheerful carved faces also greet the viewer from the armrests and the top of the back support. The aforementioned carvings are then interspaced by various foliage motifs and scrollwork throughout, with the hardwood chair finished in a medium, chocolate brown color stain. The Italian Renaissance Revival savonrola chair will be sold on October the 5th as lot 518 at an auction estimate of \$800-1,200.

The illustrated auction catalog will be posted online at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com) when it becomes available. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on October 3rd until the day of sale,

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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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