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Featuring fine art, decorative arts, Asian art and jewelry
Sunday, September 7, 2014

Previews:

September 5 - 7
and by appointment

Location:

Michaan's Auctions
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An Image Conscious September at Michaan's

Auction highlights include depictions of Oakland's famed Tribune Tower, a likeness of Chairman Mao and finely painted portrait miniatures

California Plein-Air paintings will provide noteworthy pieces at auction in a variety of subject matters. Pieces at sale include William Keith's muted "California Landscape," (lot 411, \$600-900), a rendition of Mt. Tamalpais by Harry Emerson Lewis (lot 420, \$1,000-2,000) and Herbert Sartelle's "Desert Landscape" as lot 421 (\$500-800). Marine themes in the category will present works such as "Fishing Boats" by Frances M.L. Geddes (lot 414, \$300-500), "Breaking Surf" by Nels Hagerup (lot 412, \$300-500) and "Sailboats in Harbor" by Clarkson Dye (lot 416, \$600-800). Contemporary paintings by Bay Area artists will showcase not only this month's highlight, but also pieces by Larry Thomas (lot 430, \$800-1,200) and Raymond Vidali (lot 428, \$300-500).

A photo realist oil painting by Bay Area artist Patricio Moreno Toro will be offered in Michaan's estate auction on September 7, 2014. The piece appears as a modern snapshot of downtown Oakland, centering the city's famed Tribune

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Tower. The Chilean-born, Oakland based Toro has been a self-taught artist for over fifty years, with his own highly expressive, personal style. Active chair members from the City of Oakland approached the artist to commission the piece, which was a departure from his usual subject matters and style. Upon completion, the Oakland Museum exhibited artist then decided to offer it for auction at Michaan's. The Oakland Tribune Tower painting will be sold as lot 429 at an auction estimate of \$1,000-1,500.

The Jewelry Department's over 80 lot September sale holds an authentic Knights Templar Commander medal at an estimate of \$900-1,200 (lot 180). The 14 karat yellow gold medal is fashioned as three main articulated pieces, each with a distinct design scheme. The top is a triangular piece featuring the bust of a knight above a coat of arms like shield accented by garnet cabochons as well as black and white enamel. Ceremonial swords are then crossed upon the background of this upper plaque. The middle piece is fashioned as a lengthwise nameplate, reading as a black enameled notation of "WOODLAWN." A small red enamel cross precedes the most substantial link of the piece, a large cross bearing elaborate engravings, enamelwork and decoration finished by a center white stone. The inscription upon the reverse tells of the piece's presentation to Em Sir Best Pratt, along with dates "1875-1948." A pair of small 10 karat yellow gold Sigma Chi fraternity pins complete the lot, with all of the pieces rounding out at a gross weight of approximately 33.5 pennyweights.

Auction lot collections stand at the forefront of September's decorative and ethnographic property. An inherited grouping amassed from an ethnographic dealer based in Watsonville, California offers many Native American objects at auction. Available lots include a Navajo Chinle rug (lot 660, \$300-400), appearances of Sioux Catlinite pipes and smoking implements with estimates ranging from a low of \$300 to a high of \$600 (lots 672, 673, 674), a grouping of four Sioux rattles (lot 670, \$500-700) and two Inuit conical baskets (lot 665, \$300-400). Also included in the auction collection are pieces from various other cultures. Interesting and collectible items are found in a lot of four pre-Columbian vessels (lot 680, \$400-600), a Peruvian woven panel accompanied by a doll (lot 675, \$300-400), two Chimu blackware jugs (lot 676, \$300-400), a Costa Rican Chorotega figure (lot 682, \$400-600) and yet another Costa Rican piece found in a tripod vessel (lot 683, \$300-400). Prominent art pottery names will be sold in 14 lots as well. The pottery was acquired from a private collector with selections from Royal Bonn, Weller, Roseville and Rookwood on the auction block to name a few.

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Classically and finely painted portrait miniatures provide historically significant as well as delightful highlights. An exceptionally executed pair measuring approximately 2 3/4 inches in height each will be sold as lot 651 (\$4,000-6,000). Held in a custom case measuring approximately 4 by 3 1/2 inches, the beautifully restored paintings reflect both Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watkinson. The miniature paintwork on the pair is attributed to celebrated late 18th to early 19th century artist Elkanah Tisdale. Tisdale was one of the finest American engravers, miniature painters and cartoonists of his time. During Tisdale's career, his artwork was seen in both the Boston Gazette and the American Academy of the Fine Arts. Also at auction will be a lovely next generation miniature portrait example in lot 652 (\$1,500-2,000). The framed American School work depicts Mrs. Robert Watkinson and comes complete with a copy of her husband David's will and codicils dated to 1858.

Over 100 lots largely encompassing Chinese, Japanese and Buddhist origin pieces will be presented in the Asian works of art portion of the estate sale. The offered property includes, but is not limited to, porcelains, decorative objects, artworks, scrolls and an especially large variety of textiles in the September auction. Of note is an embroidered hanging panel depicting an image of Chairman Mao (lot 310, \$300-500). The unusual, hand looped propaganda art dates to the mid-1960s and bears an approximate measurement of 28 1/2 inches in width by 44 inches in height. A profile of Mao resides above the declaration "Long live Chairman Mao!" as well as a rendition of the gates of Beijing's Forbidden City. Mao Zedong is historically known as a defining figure in Chinese politics, most commonly recognized as a communist revolutionary and founding father of the People's Republic of China. The controversial figure's image is an oft used one in the art world, providing an evocative platform for social commentary. A prime example is pop art master Andy Warhol's creations of hundreds of distorted and altered visions of Mao, encapsulating a combination of art and emotion for the viewer. Contemporary Chinese artists have also increasingly utilized images of Mao, with the intention of expressing the youth culture's often cynical attitude towards politics and Chinese social norms.

The illustrated auction catalog will be posted online at www.michaans.com when it becomes available. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on September the 5th until the day of sale, September 7, 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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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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