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Modern Bronzes Bring Fine Art Off the Wall at Michaan's Gallery Auction [on September 8th](#)

The art market shows no signs of cooling with the change of seasons, and Michaan's [September 8th](#) Gallery Auction has the goods to sustain summer's momentum. Legendary names from the full spectrum of 20th century art will be offered, in two and three dimensions. Fine jewelry continues to attract buyers drawn by top designers and rare period pieces. Uncommon estate furnishings, fine collectibles and Asian art treasures complete the sale.

The sale of Elizabeth Catlett's bronze "Mother and Child" (\$12,000-\$18,000) is a wonderful opportunity for collectors of Modernist sculpture and of works by African-American artists. Catlett (1915-2012) explored race and feminism in her work, including this piece; the mother's embrace is loving but also protective, the look on her face calm but wary.

Inspired by Dali's surrealist drawing "La Danse," a fascinating pair of bronze figures comprises his sculptural work "Hommage à Terpsichore," offered at \$6,000-\$8,000 [on September 8](#). Bidders will appreciate the provenance of this signed and numbered work, which includes a certificate of authenticity from A. Reynolds Morse. A leading American collector of Dali's work, Morse (1914-2000) founded the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida. Terpsichore, the ancient Greek [muse](#) of dancing and song, is immortalized in this gleaming figural work that stands just over two feet tall.

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Also offered in bronze are two figural sculptures by Erté: "Gala" and "Rue de la Paix." Each is estimated at \$1,500-\$2,000. A lovely Erté mirror and two vases will be sold as well.

Works on paper include one by Georges Rouault, a haunting aquatint portrait of Christ crowned in thorns titled "The Veil of Veronica" (\$2,500-\$3,500). September also brings the sale of "Bouquet de Fleurs" after Picasso, a lithograph with pencil signature also signed and dated in the plate. One of the best-known works of Western art in the modern era, Picasso's "Bouquet de Fleurs" is a deceptively simple image with great power to move and inspire. This offset lithograph (\$5,000-\$7,000) bears the label of New York's Far Gallery, which opened in 1934. The gallery's mission was to promote the value of posters as fine art to the collecting public.

The auction excitement extends to Michaan's jewelry department where the bounty includes a very special period piece: the Fabergé white guilloché enamel locket. Marked by August Hollming, a renowned Fabergé workmaster in St. Petersburg during the last decades of Tsarist Russia, the 14k gold locket features sapphire cabochons enhanced by rose-cut diamonds (\$7,000-\$9,000). Also highlighted is the gorgeous ring by Boucheron. It centers a half carat pear-cut emerald surrounded by fine diamonds set in 18k gold (\$2,000-\$3,000). Collectors will covet the Edwardian brooch of diamonds and sapphires set in platinum (\$4,000-\$6,000) by prominent New York jeweler Theodore B. Starr.

Contemporary estate jewelry includes the dazzling diamond-encrusted 14k white gold V necklace (\$4,000-\$6,000) and many more precious gemstones set in rings, bracelets, earrings and pendants. A statement bib necklace features tanzanite and opal cabochons accented by diamonds and tsavorite garnets, set in elegant blackened sterling (\$2,000-\$3,000). Fine timepieces include antique pocket watches and a Rolex wristwatch.

Following an excellent sale in August, Michaan's Asian art specialist Harry Huang presents many more rare and valuable pieces [on September 8](#). Hanging scrolls, Chinese furniture, carved jade objects and fine porcelains are featured. A scroll painting of horses and pine by Pu Quan (1913-1991) is estimated at \$3,000-\$5,000. A peony hanging scroll (also \$3,000-\$5,000) is attributed to Wu Changshuo (1844-1927). Collectors of spinach jade will find a large brush pot with scenic carving (\$2,000-\$3,000) and a pair of graceful bowls (\$1,000-\$1,500) dating to the turn of the 20th century. Glazed porcelains offered include cizhou type Song Dynasty pieces, a pair of Yuan Dynasty jun type bowls (\$800-\$1,000) and a Quianlong Period Famille Rose 'dragon and phoenix' charger (\$600-\$800). Fine old Buddhist figures include the Ming Dynasty Budai in cast bronze (\$6,000-\$8,000), seated on a lotus form base and wearing an impressive crown.

Pre-Columbian pottery, Murano glass and Dunhill's golden umbrella pipe are in September's eclectic assortment of fine collectibles. Furnishings run the gamut of styles

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and periods from the George II secretary bookcase (\$4,000-\$6,000) to the pair of contemporary chrome and white leather Italian armchairs (\$1,000-\$1,600). The unique mixed wood round table (\$3,000-\$5,000), with flowing lines and organic form, is by California wood carver Tom D'Onofrio.

Full details about the [September 8](#) Gallery Auction, including the schedule of preview days and how to bid, are at <https://www.michaans.com>.