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### Auction:

Gallery Auction  
Saturday, January 12, 10am

### Previews:

January 6, 11 and day of sale

### Location:

Michaan's Auctions  
2751 Todd Street  
Alameda, CA 94501

## **Edward Weston, Tahitian Pearls and Modern Furniture at Michaan's in January**

Michaan's auction calendar never loses momentum, not even in the depths of winter with the holiday season in the rear view mirror. [Saturday, January 12](#) brings a fabulous haul of estate finds to market for the first Gallery Auction of 2019. 1978's "Phenomena West Retaining Wall" by Paul Jenkins is one of many fine artworks offered in Michaan's kickoff to a new year of exciting auctions.

Jenkins was a cerebral abstract expressionist, a contemporary and friend of Pollock and Rothko. "Phenomena West Retaining Wall" is estimated at \$4,000-\$6,000.

A pair of serigraphs offered in the sale at \$2,500-\$4,500 are by Peter Max, who turned to neo Expressionism following his enormous success as a pop artist. Another artist who emerged in the 1960s with a pop art sensibility is Mel Ramos, whose lithograph "Peek-a-boo Marilyn 3" is estimated at \$1,000-\$1,500.

Paul Lauritz (1889-1975) is also a featured artist in the [January 12](#) auction. Lauritz painted majestic California landscapes, from the desert to the sea. His "Sand Dunes with Beach" is estimated at \$5,000-\$7,000. "Dunes, Oceano 1936" by Edward Weston offers another spellbinding view of the California coastline.

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The silver gelatin print, estimated at \$8,000-\$10,000, was a gift to the present owner's father from photographer Dody Weston Thompson, former wife of Edward Weston's son Brett Weston.

Another January fine art find is "Cougar Descending a Branch" (\$1,200-\$1,800) by wildlife sculptor Dan Ostermiller. The bronze piece measures more than two feet in length and would make a compelling focal point in any room or sculpture collection.

Asian art has long been a mainstay of Michaan's auctions. Fine jade, Buddhist objects, scroll paintings and embroidered textiles are sold monthly. In January the selection of fine famille rose porcelains includes a plaque estimated at \$15,000-\$20,000. A huanghuali cabinet and table are each estimated at \$800-\$1,200. Fine furniture of zitan and rosewood is also offered.

Featured in furniture is a pair of chairs by Swedish architect and designer Bruno Mathsson (1907-1988), acclaimed for innovative modern furniture beginning in the 1930s. The wood and leather armchairs are estimated at \$400-\$800 for the pair. Herman Miller's essential Eames leather and teak lounge chair is \$1,500-\$2,000 with matching ottoman.

Decorators will be thrilled to discover the pair of bras de lumière from Maison Baguès, the acclaimed Parisian luxury lighting specialists since 1860. Estimated at \$3,000-\$5,000, the vintage tole fixtures are made with glass and rock crystal. Also from France, the pair of silver plate wall sconces by Christofle is estimated at \$1,500-\$2,500. Other fine estate pieces include the Lalique perfume bottle, the crystal and colored glass Italian chandelier, and the Peruvian silver tea service.

Fine jewelry never fails to attract a crowd of admirers at Michaan's. Diamond earrings are featured in January, from the stud earrings of diamonds in yellow gold (\$1,500-\$2,500) to the tassel earrings with diamonds set in 18k gold (\$1,200-\$1,600). Stunning earrings of Tahitian cultured pearls paired with diamonds are \$2,500-\$3,500. Fine timepieces and Native American jewelry are also among the highlights. A sterling silver and turquoise squash blossom necklace is offered at \$400-600. These are just a few of the many fine estate treasures that make Michaan's a leading Bay Area jewelry resource.

Bid online, by phone or absentee ballot, or join the fun of the live auction [on January 12](#). Details and the preview event schedule are at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com).