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Auction:
Fine Asian Art
Monday December 8
Alameda, California

Rediscovered - Rare Dragon Ritual Bowl, Jiaqing Period (1796 – 1820)

Michaan's Auctions sale of Fine Asian Art will be offered on Monday December 8. The sale features over 300 lots across a myriad of categories, tastes and price points, offering something for collectors both seasoned and novice, from ceramics and porcelains to rare objects and important jades.

The star lot of this sale is an exceptionally rare Chinese imperial famille rituel bowl from the Jiaqing period (1796 – 1820). This elegant Rose Yellow Ground Nine dragon Ritual Bowl with Cover and Jiaqing six character seal mark and of the period (27 ¼ cm) is estimated to attract bids in the region of 100,000 – \$120,000. The excitement around this rare object is due to it being the first in its kind up for sale in over 10 years. This piece was originally purchased from the C.T. Loo & Co. in New York in the early 1930's and for over 75 years has remained in pristine condition in the collection of a prominent east coast private collector. This piece is decorated with two dragons amongst a ruyi of varying colors, square scroll border along bottom edge, top of vessel is reflection of cover, with red dragons and crashing waves being the variation, midsection is divided into two uneven parts by a raised horizontal band, each portion with dragons and ruyi, base is a flattened hemispherical shape possessing imagery which parallels the top section with the central image being pink dragons. "We are very delighted to be offering to the market this rediscovered important piece," said Alan Michaan, President of Michaan's Auctions.

Other important highlights to be sold under the hammer to the highest bidder include:

Wu Hao (Born: 1921) Musicians,
Taiwanese woodblock print,
{Image 44 x 25 inches}
Estimate: 1,500 - \$2,500

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Fine Chinese Imperial Kesi Dragon Robe.
19th Century {Height 48 inches}
Provenance: From an Exquisite Private Collection in California.
Estimate: 2,500 - \$3,500

Chinese Ceramic Zi Zhou Ware Painted Pillow.
Song Dynasty
{Length 12 1/2 inches}
Estimate: 1,200 - \$1,800

Unusual Chinese Cloisonné Ruyi Scepter with White Jade Mid
Qing Dynasty {Length 14 inches}
Provenance: From an Exquisite Private Collection in California.
Estimate: 6,000 - \$8,000

Large Blue and White Porcelain Wall Hanging Moon Flask.
Early Ming Dynasty {Height 21 inches}
Estimate: 6,000 - \$8,000

A Superb Chinese Large Spinach -Green Jade Censer (Fang Ding).
18th Century, {Height 11 inches}
Estimate: 15,000 - \$20,000

Fine Chinese Mutton-Fat Jade Carved Rabbit. Qing Dynasty
{Height 3 1/4 inches}
Estimate: 1,000 - \$2,000

Fine and Rare Chinese Coral Snuff Bottle. Qing Dynasty
{Height 2 1/4 inches} Provenance: From an Exquisite Private Collection in
California
Estimate: 5,500 - \$6,000

Fine Chinese Ivory Figure Carving of a Lady. Provenance: A
Houston, TX Private Collection.
Estimate: 1,000 - \$1,800

Pair of Chinese Pewter Foo Dog Candlesticks. 19th Century
{Height 20 1/2 inches} Provenance: A Houston, TX Private Collection.
Estimates: 2,000 - \$3,000

Zhao Dong (Qing Dynasty)

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Gods of Trinity Surrounded by Children. {Image 56 x 51 inches}
Estimate: 1,000 - \$2,000

The Fina Asian Works of Art catalog will be available for review on line at
www.michaans.com.

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About Michaan's Auctions By the Bay, Inc.

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. Some of Michaan's specialty departments include Furniture and Decorative Arts, Modern, Contemporary, European and American Paintings and Prints, Books and Manuscripts, Jewelry, Asian Works of Art and Ethnographic Art.

Established in 2002, Michaan's Auctions holds up to thirty sales each year that attract a broad base of buyers and consignors from all over the World. With one of the largest facilities in Northern California, Michaan's offers buyers and sellers the ability to preview and bid on many unique and desirable pieces. Some of these pieces garnered world record prices. In 2005, a world record price was achieved for an A.D.M Cooper, *The Three Graces* 1915, sold at auction for \$21,060 as well as a Eduard Gaertner, *German City Street Scene* 1831, sold at auction for \$266,000.

Michaan's has built its reputation on its ability to accept single items, groups or entire estates with the "no risk consignment policy", a policy that sets them apart from other auction houses. Michaan's team of 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.