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A Week of Winter Sales at Michaan's Auctions December 6 – 8, 2008

Michaan's Auctions is pleased to announce "A Week of Winter Sales" in Alameda from December 6 – 8, 2008 ; Fine Art, Furniture and Decorative Arts Auction on December 6; Estate Auction on December 7 and Fine Asian Art on December 8. These sales will feature lots across a myriad of categories, tastes and price points, offering something for collectors both seasoned and novice. The previews will be open to the public on December 4.

Fine Art, Furniture and Decorative Arts Auction – December 6, 2008

This auction will include a diverse offering of paintings, furniture and decorative arts. In the Fine Art portion of this sale, one of the star lots is a Walter Launt Palmer, American (1854 – 1932) Winter Snow Scene, Oil on canvas, 20 x 16 (Estimate 8,000 - \$12,000). Another highlight of the sale is a Colin Campbell Cooper, Californian (1856 – 1937), Sailboats off the Shore, Oil on canvas, 16 x 20 (Estimate 7,000 - \$9,000); Charles Constantine Joseph Hoffbauer, French / American (1875 1957) View of the Nile, Oil on canvas, 26 x 29 (Estimate: 5,000 - \$7,000). Highlights from the Furniture and Decorative Arts segment of this sale is an Italian Baroque Octagonal Table (Estimate: 5,000 - \$7,000); Regence Style Giltwood Overmantel Mirror (Estimate: 1,500 - \$2,000); Napoleon III Gilt Bronze Marquetry Meuble D'Appui (Estimate: 4,000 - \$6,000); and a Gustav Stickley Oak Nine Drawer Desk (Estimate: 8,000 - \$10,000). The sale comprises of 300 lots and is estimated to bring in over 500K.

Estate Auction – December 7, 2008

This auction will offer a wonderful selection of property from fine art, furniture, jewelry to asian art. Samples of highlights include a Robert Edmund Lee, Californian (1899 – 1980) Seasons Greetings, Watercolor on board (Estimate: 3,000 - \$5,000); Pal Fried, Hungarian / American (1893-1976), Reclining Nude, Oil on canvas, 24 x 36 inches (Estimate 1,500 - \$2,000); Wil Frates, Californian (1896 – 1969), Boats in Harbor, Oil on board, 18 x 24 inches (Estimate 700 - \$900); Baroque Style Oak Cassone (Estimate: 500 - \$700); Regency Style Painted Armchair (Estimate: 250 - \$300); Cartier Diamond, Platinum Wristwatch

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(Estimate: 2,000 - \$3,000); Pair of Tourmaline, Enamel, 18k Yellow Gold Earrings (Estimate: 1,700 - \$2,000); Zhao Zhi Qian (1829 – 1884) Hanging Lavender Vine, Hanging scroll, ink and color on xuan paper, (Estimate: 1,500 - \$2,500); Three carved Chinese Peking Glass Snuff Bottles, 19th Century, (Estimate: 800 - \$1,000). This sale includes 400 lots and is estimated to bring in over 350K.

Fine Asian Works of Art – December 8, 2008

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. Other important highlights to be sold include: Fine Chinese Imperial Kesi Dragon Robe, 19th Century, Height 48 inches, Provenance: From an Exquisite Private Collection in California, (Estimate: 2,500 - \$3,500); Unusual Chinese Cloisonné Ruyi Scepter with White Jade Mid Qing Dynasty, Length 14 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). This sale includes 350 lots and is estimated to bring in over 600K.

The catalogs for each of the sales will be available for review on line at www.michaans.com.

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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. 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

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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.