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Auction: Ethnographic Art including Treasures from the Hoi an Hoard
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Previews: October 3 - 5
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RARE FULL-SIZED ESKIMO SEALSKIN KAYAK, ESTIMATED TO BE OVER 100 YEARS OLD HIGHLIGHT THE OCTOBER ETHNOGRAPHIC ART SALE AT MICHAAN'S AUCTIONS.

Michaan's Auctions is pleased to offer a wide selection of fine art and artifacts from multiple estates and private collections across the Globe. This eclectic 700 lot auction will take you on a fascinating voyage from Africa, the Philippines, Oceania, Vietnam and the Americas.

The star lot of this sale is a rare full-sized Eskimo sealskin kayak, believed to have been made over 100 years ago (estimate: \$10,000 - \$20,000). This one-person hunting boat is made of several sealskins stretched over a wood frame, sewn watertight with animal sinew. This unique piece was consigned to Michaan's by the heirs of a San Francisco Bay Area estate, Gregory Ghent, consulting appraiser for tribal art at the auction house, says "It is rare to find an authentic kayak with the sealskins still in place". Ghent pointed out the notched design on the prow identifies it as having been made by either the Yupik or Alutiiq people of Alaska.

Other highlights include:

- A selection of rare 15th /early 16th century Vietnamese porcelain from the Hoi an Hoard, long lost treasure from an ancient shipwreck discovered off the coast of Vietnam;
- Large collection of Philippine Tribal Carvings, Textiles and Jewelry;
- African Tribal Art and weapons featuring property from the estate of Jean-Pierre Hallet, Malibu, CA;
- Tribal weapons, hunting spears, bows and arrows featuring property from the estate of Donald Euing, CA;
- Pre-historic North American Artifacts; and
- Australian Aboriginal Art

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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 speciality 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 it's 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.