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**MOST SUCCESSFUL AUCTION ON ETHNOGRAPHIC ART AT
MICHAAN'S AUCTIONS SINCE 2003**

This was the most successful sale of ethnographic art at Michaans Auctions since 2003, with over 60% of the 400 items sold and a grand total of \$120,000 - all of the 25 lots of Native American Indian and Eskimo art in the auction sold within or above estimate. Led by a rare full-scale Inuit Eskimo sealskin kayak from the Bristol Bay region of Alaska, estimated to be over 100 years old (lot #2177), bidding was fast and furious and it quickly sold for \$11,700 -- the high end of its pre-sale auction estimate of \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Other sales included an ancient Mexican Pre-Columbian ceramic figure of a standing woman from the area of Chupicuaro (lot #2224). The somewhat surrealistic flat figure sold for \$6,250, well above its pre-sale auction estimate of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

The sale was dominated by the 55 Philippine and Indonesian tribal artworks and textiles. Most of these were fresh to the market and avidly sought after by both private collectors and tribal art dealers. A large "magic" box from the Philippines brought \$1,600 (lot #2283, estimate of \$1,500 to \$2,000); and a modern Polynesian stone "poi pounder", used for grinding taro paste, also brought a surprising \$1,600 (lot #2258, estimate of \$200 to \$400).

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Of special interest to weapons collectors were the 56 lots of tribal bows and arrows, spears, shields, and clubs. A rare Turkish sword, highly ornamented with engraved script and a silver filigree handle with inlaid semi-precious stones, sold for \$900 (lot #2357, estimate of \$300 to \$400). (Prices realized are rounded and include the buyer's premium of 17%.)

The Ethnographic Art Catalog and prices will remain on line for review at www.michaans.com

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About Michaan's Auctions By the Bay, Inc.

Michaan's Auctions By the Bay, Inc. was formed as the sister company to the highly successful Antiques By the Bay, Inc. which promotes the monthly Alameda Point Antiques and Collectibles Faire on the Eastern shore of the San Francisco Bay. The Alameda Point Antiques and Collectibles Faire has grown to be one of the most prestigious and popular antique shows in the country.

Located on the runways of the former Alameda Naval Air Station, this Faire is held on the first Sunday of every month, and offers unlimited free parking, and spectacular views of the Oakland Hills, the San Francisco Bay and the skyline of the City of San Francisco. The Faire currently has over 800 booths of antique dealers and over 10,000 attendees each month. Both attendees and dealers enjoy what is generally considered to be the most pleasant weather in the Nation.

The Auctions By the Bay facilities are located on a campus setting only 250 yards from the Antiques Faire. The opportunity to conveniently preview the offerings of each auction will be extended to the attendees of the Antique Faire. The monthly general sales at Auctions By the Bay will be held at noon on the day of each Antique Faire.