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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Auction:  
Estate Auction  
Sunday March 1, 2009

Previews:  
February 27 – March 1

Location:  
Alameda, California

## **VINTAGE SLOT MACHINES EXPECT TO PULL IN CROWDS AT MICHAAN'S AUCTIONS IN ALAMEDA**

Michaan's Auctions is pleased to offer an extraordinarily wide range of property from estates and private collections. Among the unique highlights are a wonderful selection of memorabilia from Nevada's Golden Age of Gambling: over two dozen 1940's and 1950's Mills, Arrow and Bell slot machines from closed casinos in Las Vegas and Reno. The star lot is a Mills "War Eagle" 5 cent slot machine, estimated at: 1,600 - \$2,500; a 1930's Columbia 5 cent cigarette machine, estimate: 300 - \$500. Also included are collectable face plates, chips and game tokens of all denominations, dice from the South Lake Tahoe Nugget.

This 400 lot auction will also showcase American and European paintings from artists LaForest, Duane Armstrong and Heinie Hartwig, European, Italian and American furniture and decorative arts, Japanese and Chinese porcelains, jades and ceramics; and Fine Jewelry from Art Deco Bracelets to sapphires and diamonds.

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Samples of highlights to be sold to the highest bidder include: LaForest, French 19<sup>th</sup> Century, 'Seated Female Nude,' Oil on canvas, 66 x 46 ¾ inches, estimate: 7,500 - \$9,000; Duane Armstrong, American b. 1938 'Early Spring' Oil on canvas, 54 x 34 inches, estimate: 4,000 - \$6,000; Russian Wood icon of Ethroned Jesus and Mary, estimate: 1,000 - \$1,500; Royal Crown Derby Team and Dessert Service in an Imari Patter, estimate: 300 - \$400; Italian miniature porcelain plaque of Madonna and Child, After Raphael's "Madonna de la Silla", estimate: 1,200 - \$1,500; Japanese Imari Porcelain Bowl with Wood stained, Meiji Period, estimate: 800 - \$1,000; Four Fine Chinese White Jade Carved Pendants, Qing Dynasty, estimate: 800 - \$1,200 and the starlot in the Fine Jewelry portion is an Art Deco, Diamond, Platinum Bracelet, Total diamond weight is approximately 23.00 carats, estimate: 8,000 - \$10,000.

The March Estate Catalog will be available for review online at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com).  
Previews will open February 27 – February 28 from 10am – 5pm, as well as the day of the sale from, 9am until end of auction.

Further highlights include:

1940'S Mills Golden Nugget 10 cent slot machine.  
Estimate: 1,000 - \$1,400

Chuck Oberstein. American (1935-2002).  
Man Playing the Guitar. Oil on canvas.  
Estimate: 2,000 - \$3,000

Keith Lindberg. Californian b. 1938. "Two Boys" Oil on canvas. 24 x 18 inches.  
Estimate: 1,500 - \$2,500

Thomas Sydney Cooper. British (1803-1902).  
Summer Afternoon. Oil on canvas. 10 x 20 inches.  
Estimate: 2,000 - \$3,000

C.C. Wang (1907 -2003) Poem in Five-Character Verse, Running Script,  
Pair of hanging scroll, ink on xuan paper. Wang Ji Qian Yin.  
Estimate: 1,000 –\$1,500

Chinese Carved Soapstone Seal.  
Signed by Huang Xue Pi. 18th/19th Century.  
{Height: 2 3/4 inches}  
Estimate: 600 - \$800

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Wu Guan Zhong (Born: 1919) Landscape.  
Two framed and glazed, sketches, ink pen on paper.  
Estimate: 2,500 – 3,500

Neopolitan Creche Doll.  
Estimate: 500 - \$700

French Aesthetic Movement Oak Armoire.  
Estimate: 900 - \$1,200

Louis XVI Style, 5 Piece Salon Suite.  
Estimate: 2,500 - \$3,000

Ladies Bulova Diamond, 14K White Gold Wristwatch.  
Estimate: 800 - \$1,000

Tanzanite, Diamond, 18K White Gold Spray Brooch.  
Estimate: 2,000 - \$3,000

## IMAGES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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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 and the bay areas lowest buyers premium 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.

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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.