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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Auction:  
Estate Auction  
Sunday May 3, 2009

Previews:  
May 1 – May 3

Location:  
Alameda, California

## **MICHAAN'S MAY SALE WELCOMES SPRING WITH UNIQUE PRIVATE COLLECTIONS**

Michaan's May Estate Auction will feature a large selection of works from all periods and styles along with items from private estates throughout the United States. With a range of price points featured, collectors will find examples of Asian works of art, fine Georgian jewelry, 20th century paintings by Frans Claerhout, Barse Miller and Nell Walker Warner, Modern and Contemporary paintings by Jesse Allen, Soichiro Tomioka and Robert Natkin, silver and furniture and decorative arts from the 19th through 20th centuries.

In addition, we will be offering a unique collection of entertainment and sports memorabilia. Rock band memorabilia such as two signed electric guitars one from Alice Cooper and another from the band, "Eagles", and a signed album cover, "Like a Virgin", by Madonna. Signed footballs by Jerry Rice and Joe Montana.

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Samples of highlights to be sold to the highest bidder include:

William Miller Frazer , (Scotland 1864-1961). "Where Winds the Brook by Meadow Sweet." framed oil on canvas, Impressionist landscape with figure, signed lower right WM Frazer, Estimate: \$2,000-4,000; Frans Claerhout (South Africa 1919-2006) Framed mixed media, "Happy Cat" signed F. Claerhout 11 x 16 1/2 inches, Estimate: \$600-800; Vernis Martin Two Piece Ladies Writing Desk, Estimate: \$1,200 – 1,400; Art Nouveau Lenox Silver Overlay Pitcher, Estimate: \$300 – 400; Georgian, Flat-cut Hessonite Garnet and Yellow Gold Necklace with Flower and Foliate Design, Estimate: \$3,250 – 3,500; Edwardian, diamond, platinum, yellow gold bar brooch, Estimate: \$3,000 – 4,000; Chinese Bronze Ritual Archaic Vessel with Cover, Shang Dynasty, Estimate: \$1,200 – 1,800; and Qi BaiShi (1864 – 1957), "Sea Food," Hanging scroll, ink on paper, Estimate: \$2,000 – 3,000.

The May Estate Catalog will be available for review online at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com). Previews will May 1 - May 2 from 10am – 5pm, as well as the day of the sale from, 9am until end of auction.

Further highlights include:

Reginald Marsh (American, 20<sup>th</sup> Century),  
"Seated Nude," Red chalk on commercial paper  
Estimate: \$800 – 1,200

Soichiro Tomioka (Japan 1922-1944)  
Abstract, Canvas Funaoka  
Estimate: \$400 – 600

Chinese Carved Soapstone Seal, Signed Man Shen, 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Estimate: \$600 – 800

Large Chinese Three-Color Glazed Scholar's Mountain,  
19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Century  
Estimate: \$1,000 – 1,200

Reed & Barton Sterling Dinner Service  
Estimate: \$1,000 – 1,500

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Japanese Ebonized Lacquered Writing Desk with  
Shibayama Style Bone Inlay  
Estimate: \$1,500 – 2,000

Victorian Diamond, Pearl, Enamel, 14k Yellow Gold  
Locket / Brooch  
Estimate: \$1,800 – 2,000

Emerald, Diamond, 18k White Bold Ring  
Estimate: \$1,400 – 2,750

## 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.

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.