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Auction:
Estate Auction
Sunday February 1, 2009

Previews:
January 30 – February 1

Location:
Alameda, California

ESTATE AUCTION AT MICHAAN'S WILL FEATURE FURNITURE, DECORATIVE ARTS, JEWELRY and FINE ASIAN WORKS OF ART

Michaan's Auctions is pleased to offer a broad range of fine art, furniture and decorative arts, fine jewelry and Asian works of art ranging in styles from antique to contemporary. Among the many highlights of the sale are works by artists Wayne Thiebaud and David Hockney, exceptional pieces of American furniture, 18th and 19th century Asian carvings, silks, porcelains and outstanding silver objects by Tiffany & Co.

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

Sam Francis, Californian (1923-1994), "Coral Poles," Color Lithograph, Sheet: 36 x 26 ½ inches. Signed and annotated at bottom: Sam Francis, AP, *Estimate: \$3,000 – 5,000*; Wayne Thiebaud, American b. 1920, Freeway Curve, Signed lower right, *Estimate: \$3,000 – 5,000*; Edward Wesson, British (1920-1983), "The City from Blackfriars," Watercolor on paper, Sheet 10 ½ x 13 ¼ inches. Signed and titled in margin: The City from Blackfriars, Edward Wesson, *Estimate: \$700 – 900*; Diamond, Sapphire, 18K White Gold Spider Brooch, *Estimate: \$2,000 – 3,000*; Zao Wou Ki (b. 1921). Landscape. Hanging scroll, ink on xuan paper. Signed and dated, *Estimate: 800 – 1,200*; Louis XVI Style Bronze Cartel Clock, Samuel Marti,

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Retailed by Tiffany & Co. *Estimate: \$3,000 – 4,000*; Seven Sevres Style Hand Painted Porcelain Plates, 19th Century, *Estimate: \$1,500 – 2,000*.

The February Estate Catalog will be available for review on line at www.michaans.com. Previews will open January 30 through January 31 from 10am – 5pm, as well as the day of the sale from, 9am until end of auction.

Further highlights include:

David Hockney. British b. 1937. Self Portrait. Signed.
Estimate: \$2,000 – 3,000

Clifton Karhu. American 20th century. Kyoto Roofs. Color woodblock. Signed and numbered.
Estimate: \$600 – 800

Claes Oldenburg. Swedish b. 1929. Sketch of a Three Way Plug. Lithograph. Signed and numbered: 3/250.
Estimate: \$700 – 900

Gaston Bonfils. French (1822-1946). Portrait of a Woman. Oil on canvas. Signed lower right: G. Bonfils.
Estimate: \$1,500 - 2,000

Karl Theodor von Piloty. German / Hungarian, 1828 - 1895. The Fortune Teller. Oil on canvas. 29 x 37 1/2 inches. Signed in Hungarian lower right: K Pitary.
Estimate: \$5,000 – 7,000

C - S - Luigi Kasimir. Austrian (1882-1962). Bavarian Palace in Winter. Colored etching with aquatint Signed in margin.
Estimate: \$300 – 500

John Gutman. German / American (1905-1998). "The Oracle", 1949. Gelatin silver print. Sheet: 10 x 8 inches. Signed, titled and dated on verso: John Gutman, The Oracle 1949.
Estimate: \$700 – 900

Pair of Coral, Black Onyx, Diamond, 18K White Gold Earrings
Estimate: \$2,500 – 3,000

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Three Piece Bronze and State Clock Garniture Set
Estimate: \$4,000 – 5,000

Massive American Renaissance Revival Gilt Polychrome Pier Mirror
Estimate: \$1,500 – 2,000

George III Oak Dresser with Plate Rack
Estimate: \$4,000 – 6,000

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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 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 2001, 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.