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Auction:  
Fine Asian Works of Art  
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Previews:  
May 30 – June 1, June 20-23  
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Location:  
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### **Michaan's Asian Fine Auction of 2014 Presents an Abundance of Quality Property**

Michaan's will hold an exciting event in its 2014 Fine Asian Works of Art auction, to be held on the 23rd of June at 10a.m. The auction will hold the largest volume and diversity of property of any fine sale conducted under the direction of Asian Art Specialist Mr. Harry Huang. Exceptional, collector worthy pieces will abound in the over 400 lot sale, with a substantial list of auction highlights representing the remarkable quality and comprehensiveness the fine sale has to offer.

Featured paintings and calligraphy include a landscape hanging scroll attributed to Tang Yin (1470-1523) at an estimate of \$50,000-70,000 (lot 7317). Yet another prestigious landscape scroll is seen from Shanghainese artist and scholar Wu Hufan (1894-1968) in a piece dated to 1938 (lot 7342, \$50,000-70,000). This scroll bears a dedication to Josefine Thunig, of relation to the consignor as well as the only child of Austrian architect Wratizlav Swoboda. Mr. & Mrs. Ernst Hermann Thunig collected internationally and were understood to be quite a traveled couple. Mr. Thunig was of German origin and lived in both Hong Kong and San Francisco with his wife. At one point in his career he was also a Shanghai based watchmaker. "Blooming Chrysanthemums" by Chen Banding (1877-1970) is yet another hanging scroll in the sale

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(lot 7341, \$6,000-8,000) as is Song Butai's (19th century) "The Taoist Immortals' Paradise" at an estimate of \$5,000-7,000 (lot 7331). Highlighting the painting section is an ink and color on silk piece of a flower and insect motif by Ju Lian (1828-1904) (lot 7332, \$30,000-50,000) as well as Cheng Shifa's (1921-2007) color on paper work titled "Girl with Water Buffalo" (lot 7349, \$10,000-15,000).

Spotlighted furniture includes offerings of paired huanghuali horseshoe back armchairs accompanied by singular side tables (lots 7290 and 7291, each at an estimate of \$50,000-70,000), a huanghuali side table of a four-sided flush form (lot 7288, \$6,000-8,000) and yet another pair of huanghuali horseshoe back chairs to be sold as lot 7289 (\$5,000-7,000).

Esteemed collections will also be found at auction. Museum-caliber Gadiant Collection glass works will be sold at estimates ranging from a low of \$3,000 to a high of \$16,000. Over 20 lots will be presented from the Reynold Tom Collection, highlighted by Li Kuchan's (1898-1983) hanging scroll titled "Eagle and Pine" (lot 7345, \$5,000-7,000) as well as two lots of decorative planters complete with bases (lot 7426, \$3,000-5,000 & lot 7374, \$4,000-6,000). From a private New York collection will be a range of superb items, collected mostly from Sotheby's New York during the 1970s and 1980s. Fine jades from the estate will include a white jade carving of Li Bai (lot 7067, \$5,000-7,000), a mythical beast form water dropper (lot 7068, \$4,000-6,000) and a grouping of nine jade and hardstone archer's rings (lot 7072, \$3,000-5,000). Noteworthy bronzes from the collection are found in beautifully gilt splashed wares of a vase (lot 7220, \$15,000-20,000) and censer (lot 7221, \$20,000-30,000). Completing the collection highlights are two mirror black vases (lot 7389, \$3,000-5,000) as well as a large lotus motif censer fashioned in agate (lot 7128, \$4,000-6,000).

The list of fine decorative and collector pieces continues with an excellent Yixing molded dragon bowl from the Qianlong period (lot 7395, \$30,000-50,000), two famille rose porcelain plaques of the Republic period by Wang Qi (1884-1937) (lot 7435, \$20,000-30,000), a large cinnabar lacquer box of circular form (lot 7273, \$6,000-8,000), a rare spinach jade double gourd form wall vase (lot 7082, \$4,000-6,000), two Jun-ware ceramics of purple and sky blue hues (lot 7361, \$1,500-2,000), a Jizhou glazed tea bowl appearing with a tortoiseshell effect (lot 7366, \$1,500-2,000) and an album collection of forty Hong Kong and China origin black and white photographs that include rare panoramic city views as well as portraits of political figures and civilians of the time (lot 7354, \$5,000-7,000). Highlighted textiles round out the selected offerings, with an embroidered ladies dragon robe (lot 7300, \$5,000-7,000) and a Kesi-woven dragon motif panel in the sale (lot 7308, \$3,000-5,000).

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Additional Asian works of art crafted in valued materials such as silver, bronze and jade are found throughout the auction offerings. Pieces include a silver filigree ruyi scepter (lot 7208, \$7,000-9,000), a collection of four varied Qing dynasty jade pendants (lot 7050, \$5,000-7,000) and a grouping of nephrite, jadeite, agate and pudding stone archer's rings accompanied by a group of silver salt and pepper mounts (lot 7056, \$3,000-5,000). Precious metals are also seen in a bronze figure of Luohan (lot 7223, \$3,000-5,000) as well as Japanese silver lots of collectible objects (lot 7013, \$2,000-3,000) and mixed metal stirrups (lot 7007, \$2,000-3,000).

The illustrated auction catalog will be posted online at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com) when it becomes available. Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on May 30th to June 6th as well as June 20th to June 23rd. For general information please call (510) 740-0220 ext. 0 or e-mail [info@michaans.com](mailto:info@michaans.com). Michaan's Auctions is located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

## **About Michaan's Auctions**

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