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Auction:

Inspiring Interiors
Fine Art, Furnishings and 20th Century Design
September 9, 2016

Previews:

September 3,4, day of sale and by appointment

Location:

Michaan's Auctions
2751 Todd Street
Alameda, CA 94501

Inspiring Artworks, Furnishings and Décor in September

An Inspiring Interiors auction has been added on Friday, September the 9th, the day before Michaan's estate sale. Michaan's Fine Art and Furniture & Decorative Arts Departments will participate in both auctions, presenting items of refinement from collections of note. Interiors once held at The Sherman House in San Francisco as well as from a sprawling mansion in Palm Beach contributed to numerous pieces of excellence in the Inspiring Interiors sale, joined by property from the Pacific Heights residence of the family of Andrew F. Burke. A gem from this historic family residence with lineage dating to the 19th century is found in a Maison Krieger attributed mounted vitrine cabinet circa 1880 (lot 3149, \$40,000-60,000). The Louis XV style tulipwood cabinet features gilt bronze ornamentation that includes scrolling rocailles, acanthus leaves, anemone and floral swags and palm frond details surrounding a central convex glazed door. This Maison Krieger attributed cabinet is of the most admirable craftsmanship and beauty, indeed an important example of the work of the period.

Antoine Krieger and his brother Nicolas debuted Maison Krieger in 1826 at 17 rue Saint-Nicolas in Paris. Counted among one of the most important and influential cabinetmakers of the third quarter 19th century in Paris, Maison

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Krieger was once patronized by the wealthy, royalty and important ébénistes and marchand-merciers such as the likes of Joseph-Emmanuel Zwiener, Paul Sormani and François Linke. At the 1851 Great Exhibition in London Maison Krieger was awarded for an oak sideboard commissioned for a client from the Ottoman Empire. The firm continued to exhibit at all major exhibitions of their category in the 19th century, up to and including at the 1900 Exposition Universelle.

Among decorative finery are two exciting auction collections in the September sale. From a San Francisco based dealer of fine Tiffany Studio glassworks will be a table lamp featuring an iridescent gold pulled shade (lot 3217, \$9,000-11,000), a double student lamp with gold hued shades (lot 3216, \$9,000-11,000), a pair of Cobra candlesticks (lot 3215, \$8,000-10,000) and a gold Favrile floriform (lot 3214, \$3,000-3,500). Silver, including sterling and silver plate, from a private California collection includes, but is not limited to, pieces by Georg Jensen, Wallace, Paul Storr, Shreve, Fred Hirsch, Porter Blanchard and Allan Adler. In addition, the sale selection will encompass English, French, Irish and American silver from various periods including George II/III, Regency, Victorian, Art Nouveau and Edwardian.

Appointed artworks of excellence have been chosen for the September 9th Inspiring Interiors sale, with artist names such as Eduardo Kingman, Charles Cousin and Edgar Bundy spanning the primarily European and American selection. However, an exciting presence of Latin artists graces the sale with Cirilo Martinez Novillo's *Figuras en Playa* (lot 3254, \$2,500-3,000), Maria Antonia Dan's *La Danza* (lot 3253, \$2,000-3,000) and a tapestry of Salvador Dali imagery produced by Suzy Langlois entitled *Persistence of Memory* (lot 3300, \$1,500-2,000). Rounding out the auction collection is the Francisco Zuniga charcoal on paper *Coloquio* at an estimate of \$2,000-3,000 (lot 3252). But perhaps the star of the fine art sale section is in the vibrant Jose Maria Mijares oil on canvas *En La Playa* listed at an auction estimate of \$6,000-9,000 (lot 3256). A gathering on a summery shoreline is nuanced by bold primary colors and svelte geometric depictions of neatly positioned people and foliage upon the sand. The result is both linear and fluid, balanced yet carefree, standing as a joyful and vibrant expression by the artist. Yet another Mijares at sale is found in an untitled oil painting, also holding an estimate of \$6,000-9,000 (lot 3255). The subject of this fanciful piece is a reclining woman, executed in Mijares' confetti of thoughtful geometrics in bold primary colors. Both works by Mijares are accompanied by Mijares Certificates of authenticity issued by Maria A. Cabrea de Mijares from the

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Mijares Art Gallery, verified in 2016.

The illustrated auction catalog will be posted online at www.michaans.com when it becomes available. Michaan's Inspiring Interiors auction will be available to preview on September 3rd, 4th and 9th, the day of sale. For general information please call (510) 740-0220 ext. 0 or e-mail info@michaans.com. Michaan's Auctions is located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501.