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### Auction:

Gallery Auction  
Saturday June 20, 2020 at 10am

### Location:

Michaan's Auctions  
2751 Todd Street  
Alameda, CA 94501

## **Michaan's June 20 Gallery Auction Offers Works by Renowned Fine Artists, Italian Designer Gold Jewelry and Chic Furniture**

The modern masterpieces of Wassily Kandinsky can be enjoyed in top museums around the world. Bring a Kandinsky home from Michaan's June Gallery Auction, where fine art for every taste and budget is on view and within reach. Brilliantly colored gems line the jewelry cases, along with one-of-a-kind estate jewels. Michaan's offers fine estate furniture and decorations from many periods, designed and made to the highest standards. With online catalogs and bidding as well as phone bidding to supplement live auction events, Michaan's brings its marketplace of fine things straight to your door.

The auction is simply the best place to find art for a collection or to adorn a home. Michaan's brings to market in June not only Kandinsky's woodcut "Lyrisches" (\$800-\$1,200) but also a linocut by the American master Louise Nevelson (1899-1998), whose monumental sculptures and other works are in the collections of the world's greatest museums. Nevelson's untitled 1971 linocut, with embossing on wove paper, is estimated to realize \$1,500-\$2,000 at Michaan's on June 20.

A major highlight of the June Gallery Auction is "Portrait of a Girl with Pink Bow," a large, lovely oil painting by California artist Theodore Wores. Known as the first major native-born

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San Francisco artist, Wores (1859-1939) led a fascinating life filled with travels in the Pacific and associations with characters such as Oscar Wilde. A Bohemian Club member, he gained wide renown for his fine portraiture, genre paintings and California landscapes. "Girl with Pink Bow" by Theodore Wores is estimated at \$2,000-\$4,000.

Chiura Obata (1885-1975), the important California-based Japanese American artist, is known for majestic views of the American West. Obata's woodblocks are collected by the Smithsonian Institution. Michaan's is proud to present in the June 20 Gallery Auction, "In the Clouds," a 1948 ink wash on paper by Chiura Obata, estimated at \$1,000-\$2,000.

The selection of American art also includes "Cowboy on Horseback" (\$800-\$1,200) by Edward Borein (1872-1945) of California. This wonderful 1927 ink on paper is typical of works by Borein, whose lively depictions of the Southwest and Spanish Colonial America are popular with collectors. Another fine American work from the early 20th century is the oil painting, "Snow in Vermont" (\$800-\$1,200) by Humphrey Pritchard. European artworks at Michaan's in June include the charming lady carved of alabaster (\$2,000-\$3,000) by 19th-century Florentine sculptor, Vittorio Caradossi, and "Boxing Match," the oil and pastel by Edy-Legrand, dynamic 20th-century French illustrator and painter.

Michaan's is a leading San Francisco Bay Area resource for fine jewelry, the perfect place to find a special gift or refresh your jewelry wardrobe. On June 20, the spotlight is on gold and fine gemstones, many in brilliant color. From Fope, designer of fine Italian jewelry, the 18k white gold tube link jewelry suite is a fabulous find estimated at \$2,500-\$3,500. The multi-stone, 14k yellow gold necklace (\$400-\$600) offers a gorgeous array of pink tourmalines, blue topaz, amethysts, citrines and more.

Fine rings include the Tahitian black cultured pearl (\$700-\$900) set in platinum with diamonds. Also accented by diamonds and set in an 18k white gold ring is the 1.15 carat round-cut ruby (\$2,000-\$3,000) accompanied by a GIA gemological report. The pear-cut tanzanite ring, glittering with diamonds set in 18k yellow gold, is offered at \$1,500-\$2,500.

Estate jewels offered in the June 20 Gallery Auction include the pendant brooch of emeralds and diamonds surrounding a stunning emerald cabochon, estimated at \$1,200-\$1,800. Many more exciting fine jewelry lots are offered in Michaan's Fine Summer Auction on June 19. Visit [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com) for complete catalogs of both sales.

Michaan's Gallery Auction offers fine furniture from private estates and collections. Featured designers include Karl Springer, whose trio of snakeskin tables — one off-white and two in black — are offered on June 20. With distinctive brass hinges, and labelled, these are expected

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to realize \$600-\$800 and \$500-\$800, respectively. A stately late Victorian mahogany barrel-back swiveling library chair, with red leather upholstery, is a highlight of the English furniture. Reasonably estimated at \$300-500, this chair has wonderful, bold carving to its legs. The sale offers a fine quotient of good Louis XV and XVI style and later French furniture. A fun, brightly-painted Dutch armoire and several good gilt mirrors round out the furniture selection.

Fine silver is a perennial favorite of Michaan's bidders. The June 20 Gallery Auction offers an early Victorian Irish sterling tea service; with stout proportions, its three pieces are molded in animated fashion. Porcelains by Meissen, Locré and Rosenthal are among the auction's many fine estate pieces. Asian art and artifacts are also featured.