

## **PRE-SALE PRESS RELEASE:**

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### **February Gallery Sale:**

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> | 10am.

### **Preview:**

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> | 10am – 5pm.  
Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> | 10am – 5pm.  
Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> | 9am – End of Auction.

### **Location:**

Michaan's Auctions  
2701 Monarch Street  
Alameda, CA 94501

## **Dazzling Diamond Rings, German Expressionism, Davis Allen Chairs, and Fine Chinese Art Take Center Stage in Michaan's Auctions February Gallery Auction**

ALAMEDA – As time moves along, the team at Michaan's Auctions is diligently preparing for our February Gallery Auction, opening on Friday, February 14th at 10am. This month, our Jewelry & Timepieces department is stocked with exquisite diamond rings, fine wristwatches, and shiny yellow gold pieces; meanwhile our Fine Art department is offering multiple oil on canvas works, printed photographs, and an interesting terracotta sculpture. Furniture & Decorations is sure to excite, offering dining chairs designed by a pioneer of corporate design, interesting pottery, and unique pieces, like mahogany shelf clocks and marble table lamps. Finally, Michaan's Asian Art department is offering bronze artifacts, finely painted silk works, calligraphy work, paintings, and jade pieces.

In our Jewelry & Timepieces department, two diamond rings rise to the top: a **Diamond, White Gold Solitaire Ring** (\$3,000/5,000), and a **Diamond, White Gold Ring** (\$3,000/5,000). Both feature sizable diamond centrepieces with white gold settings and bands. Next, the department is offering a unique **Movado Diamond, Blue Enamel, 18k Yellow Gold Wristwatch** (\$2,500/3,500), which features diamonds clustered around the face of the watch, and a bracelet of 18k yellow gold linked by royal blue enamel pieces. Another lovely wristwatch on offer this month is a **Ladies Rolex Orchid Diamond, White Gold Wristwatch** (\$2,000/3,000). The Orchid wristwatch is unique in that diamond-encrusted points frame the face of the watch,

creating a flower motif. The band is delicate white gold, forming a bracelet suitable for any fine lady. If rings or watches don't strike your fancy, the department is also offering a **Jade, Diamond, Yellow Gold Jewelry Suite** (\$1,200/1,600) that includes a necklace, earrings, and ring. All pieces feature disk-shaped chips of jade, a deep green shade, interspersed by petite diamonds to make each piece sparkle. Finally from Jewelry & Timepieces, a **Diamond, 18k Yellow Gold Bracelet** (\$1,500/2,500) that alternates solitaire diamonds with quatrefoil diamond clusters.

Have enough jewelry? No problem, our Fine Art department is offering a wide variety of artworks looking for new homes. First and foremost is a **Jan Mueller, *Aqueduct Series #2*, oil on canvas** (\$8,000/10,000). Mueller was a German-American figurative expressionist painter, using bold colors and blocky brushstrokes to paint a world separate from our own. Next from the department is another landscape, albeit more grounded in realism, a **Guiseppe Cadenasso, *Landscape*, oil on canvas** (\$1,000/2,000). Also on offer are **Leo Matiz photographs**, one ***Frida Kahlo, Mexico, 1946*** (\$1,000/1,500) and another ***Frida Kahlo, Coyoacan, Mexico, 1944*** (\$1,000/1,500), both photographs being later gelatin silver prints, printed in 1997. Fine Art will also be offering a **Jack Cassinetto, *In Land from Monastery Beach*, oil on board** (\$1,000/1,500), featuring lovely colors with an interesting tonal play. Finally, in February, Fine Art will be offering a **terracotta sculpture, Pierre Le Faguays' *Three Graces*** (\$1,000/1,200). The work consists of three female figures stepping forward in unison, a large sheet trailing the trio.

Following our offerings in Fine Art, Michaan's Furniture & Decorations department has many interesting pieces up for auction in the coming month. Most notably, a **Set of Twelve Davis Allen for Stendig "Andover" Dining Chairs** (\$1,200/1,800). Davis Allen was a prominent corporate interior designer, with the "Andover" chair being arguably his most well-known contribution to interior and furniture design. The chair features multiple thin wooden spokes that serve as and support the back and arms of the chair. Another exciting lot we have on offer this month is a **James Lovera Studio Pottery Lava Glaze Bowl** (\$1,000/1,500). Lovera's fascination with the bowl form is made obvious when we consider this piece, for the steepness of the bowl's sides and width of its mouth subvert the expected shape of, well, a bowl. Also on offer from the Furniture & Decorations department is a **Sylvester Clarke Salem Bridge American Empire Mahogany Shelf Clock** (\$800/1,200), a **Sparks-Withington Sparton Visionola Type C Projector Console Early Home Talking Movie Device** (\$800/1,200). Last, but not least, from the department is a **Pair of Empire Bronze and Marble Table Lamps** (\$800/1,200) composed of gilt bronze slender urn forms with engraved and figural decoration.

Our last department to highlight, but again, certainly not least, is Asian Art. At the top of their offerings this month is a **Chinese Bronze Censer** (\$2,000/3,000). Used for burning incense, the vessel features a thick band around its belly and one upright handle at its shoulder. Next from the

department is a **Chinese Bronze Dragon Polearm, Ji** (\$1,500/2,500), which has an elongated, curved, and leaf-shaped blade with a dragon motif. Beyond bronze, Asian Art is also offering a wonderful **Calligraphy Couplet, Attributed to Yu Youren (1879-1964)** (\$1,000/2,000). Yu Youren was a master of Chinese calligraphy, known for his expert cursive Chinese script. Next, a **Chinese Carved Jade and Hardstone Bi Disc** (\$800/1,200), and a **Chinese silk painting Attributed to Banda Lisha: Horse** (\$800/1,200) are being offered in our February Gallery Auction as well. Further, the department will be offering **Four Unframed Paintings, Jiang Wenzhan (1940-)** (\$500/800), as well as **Four Painting Scrolls, Zhang Yiqian (1937-2001)** (\$500/800). Finally, Asian Art will be offering **Two Chinese Jade Miniatures, Brush Washer** (\$500/800). Comprising the jade pieces is a miniature jade boar in repose, with its legs tucked beneath its body, and the second is a small brush washer designed as a water buffalo, with curved, pointy horns.

Michaan's February Gallery Auction is clearly stocked with exquisite, finely crafted, and unique artifacts waiting to find their new homes. As we continue to ease into the new year, this sale is set to be a good one – join us, and spend your Valentine's Day at Michaan's. You don't want to miss this, so keep your eyes peeled for the release of our February Gallery Auction Catalog on January 30th, and our Annex Catalog on February 5th.

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