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Auction:

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Featuring fine art, decorative arts, Asian art and jewelry
April 9, 2016, 10am

Previews:

April 2, 3, 8 and day of sale

Location:

Michaan's Auctions
2751 Todd Street
Alameda, CA 94501

Turning Heads in April: Asian Revolving Vase, Picasso's *Le Vieux Roi*

Michaan's April 9th auction holds a variety of gemstone jewelry, in addition to many worldwide bead offerings stemming from the Naomi Lindstrom Collection. Amongst timepieces at auction will be manufacture names such as Agassiz, Gubelin, Krieger and Movado. Groupings of Bakelite jewelry will also be sold, bound to delight collectors with Arabian, Apple Juice and various translucent pieces, many as charmingly fun stackable bangles and bracelets. Standing out in the monthly sales gent's items is a handsome cane handle fashioned in ruby, diamond, enamel and yellow gold, to be presented to bidders at an estimate of \$1,500-2,500 (lot 092). However, a decidedly feminine Victorian diamond and platinum ring highlights April jewelry at an estimate of \$4,000-6,000 (lot 085). The panel ring of three vertically oriented central diamonds is set amongst a diamond encrusted filigree mounting, with the largest stone weighing approximately 1.50 carats.

Following the sale of jewelry at auction will be selections of Asian works of art as well as fine art, presented in approximately 160 lots. Highlighting the Asian sale section is a playful yet refined gilt-decorated revolving vase (lot 180, \$700-900). The base of the vase is cleverly affixed to a royal blue porcelain stand,

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allowing it to freely rotate. The baluster form porcelain vase is then evenly glazed in a richly saturated crimson hue, sprinkled with groupings of circular, stylized floral gilt decoration. Holding court among the fine art lots is a Pablo Picasso lithograph titled *Le Vieux Roi* at an estimate of \$2,000-3,000 (lot 308). The black and white print, save for a red signature stamp, is of a seductive scene of an elderly king with two amorous nudes, reflecting the title which translates to *The Old King*. Art critics have discussed the image as Picasso's reflection of himself, a powerful and charming man of stature. It has also been speculated to be a mirror of Picasso's own infamous libido, as he had a well-known love of women during his life, creating this image at the age of seventy-eight.

A Frank Gehry design Cross Check chair will be sold on Saturday, April the 9th at an estimate of \$1,500-2,000 (lot 455). Gehry, once described as the "most important architect of our age" by Vanity Fair magazine, recalled playing on apple crates as a child, which inspired the ribbon-like slats of white maple wood used in the fluid and graceful design. A back support of eight 2-inch wide slats interweaves with eight additional slats that rise from the base, intersecting at the seat. Premiering in 1992, in that year alone the Cross Check chair received numerous awards, earning recognition from the ASID, ROSCO, the ID Magazine's Gold Award, the ICFE Award for Excellence, the IBD Silver Award and the Premium Imperiale Award, as well as Time magazine's Best Design of 1992.

The illustrated auction catalog will be posted online at www.michaans.com when it becomes available. Previews for the April estate auction will be held on the 2nd, 3rd, 8th 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.