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Auction:

Inspiring Interiors
Furnishings, Fine Art & 20th Century Design
April 8, 2016, 10am

Previews:

April 2, 3 and day of sale

Location:

Michaan's Auctions
2751 Todd Street
Alameda, CA 94501

April Auction's Inspiring Highlights

Michaan's Inspiring Interiors sale to be held April 8, 2016

A fine caliber auction has been added to Michaan's April roster on Friday the 8th, providing bidders with excellent property from many of Michaan's mainstay categories. Asian works of art, fine art, furnishings and decorative arts will join together in this special Inspiring Interiors auction.

Decorative Asian vessels at auction will present nine lots of snuff bottles ranging in estimations from a low of \$400 to a high of \$3,000. Representing a top-tier grouping from the offerings are four jade snuff bottles of soothing neutral tones and simplicity to be sold at an estimate of \$2,000-3,000 (lot 2191). Ranging in color from dark brown to white, the most elaborate of the quartet is in a double carved piece of a squirrel and peaches. The bottles remain in good condition and are of uncomplicated, elegant form, with the jade displaying characteristics such as dark russet inclusions and natural mottling.

Californian Harry Curieux Adamson's oil on canvas *Prairie Falcon* is the artist's 1949 rendition of a mother bird tending to her chicks, to be offered on April the 8th as well (lot 2210, \$3,500-4,500). Adamson is famous for his finely

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and realistically painted birds, in which short, methodical brush strokes are used to create amazing effects of plumage. *Prairie Falcon* is an unusual departure of sorts for Adamson, as he often painted birds in states of flight, for example. Adamson directly gifted *Prairie Falcon* to the consignor's family, as he was counted as a friend. Adamson was named as the first Californian Waterfowl Association's Artist of the Year and has been shown at the Smithsonian Art Museum, the British Museum and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh.

Certainly fitting for the Inspiring Interiors auction is a pair of Italian baroque grisaille painted cassapanche benches at an estimate of \$12,000-18,000 (lot 2065). Ornamental paintwork gives marked definition to the faux gold, taupe and cream scrolls, volutes and medallions adorning the pieces throughout. However, each back support centers a differing painted figure, one depicting summer, the other winter. The summer goddess is accompanied by wheat sheaves reflecting the bounty of harvest, while the winter god is painted as an old bearded man warming his hands over a fire. Both depictions reside above hinged, rectangular seats, with the early to mid-18th century pieces measuring approximately 67 ³/₄ x 85 x 14 ¹/₂ inches.

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