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## PRE SALE PRESS RELEASE!

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Auction:  
Estate Auction  
Featuring fine art, decorative arts, Asian art and jewelry  
December 10, 10am

Previews:  
December 3, 4, 9 and by appointment

Location:  
Michaan's Auctions  
2751 Todd Street  
Alameda, CA 94501

### **Michaan's Wraps Up 2016 With Big Names In Art, Tiny Rooms In Miniature, And Irresistible Jewelry At December 10th Estate Auction.**

An auction house is so much more than an outstanding place to find the perfect gift. At Michaan's on Saturday, December 10, prepare to discover your own heart's desire while treasure hunting for others. The auction is loaded with opportunities to upgrade home decor in this season of entertaining, and with fine jewelry and collectibles guaranteed to make dreams come true for bidders and everyone on their lists. Jewelry pieces range from refined antique heirlooms to classic diamonds and trendy stunners. Unusual finds in Asian art will appeal to longtime aficionados as well as new collectors. The selection of silver and tableware is fittingly elegant this month. Lithographs and prints include many famous names in American and French art.

Fine diamonds are always in season and always in demand at Michaan's. Leading December's jewelry auction is a ring that sparkles with one fine 1.8 carat old mine-cut diamond flanked by two additional diamonds, all set in an openwork platinum mounting that showcases the high quality stones (estimated at \$6,000-\$8,000). Diamond stud earrings are a wardrobe essential and a home run gift for any woman, no matter her style. Michaan's offers the perfect pair at

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\$1,500 to \$2,500, in white gold with round brilliant-cut diamonds, each over 3/4 carat. Shimmering diamonds also surround the massive cuprian tourmaline at the center of another showstopping ring in the sale (\$3,000-\$5,000). At over 13 carats, this stone has uncommon beauty and size. The auction also features chandelier and Victorian drop earrings of yellow gold with pearls, garnets and enamel decoration, and additional period lots from the estate of a prominent Berkeley civic leader and woman of style.

Asian artifacts, with their timeless design integrity and rich cultural meaning, have inspired collection, admiration and imitation for thousands of generations. At Michaan's December Estate Auction, bidders will find familiar iconography in original works of art such as two Japanese gilt-painted wood Buddhas (\$1,500-\$2,000 for the pair) and an 18th century Burmese bronze seated Buddha (\$700-\$900), as well as a Qi Dynasty horse and rider of gray pottery, a funerary model projecting great dignity and reverence. Charming collectable bronze objects include a 17th century tree-trunk vase (\$600-\$800) and two lifelike Japanese crabs, one with articulated legs and claws (\$700-\$900 for the pair). Another intriguing find is the Japanese silver cruet designed as a model trading ship, its tiny deck heavily laden with miniature parcels, baskets and other freight, and its billowing sails decorated with engraved clouds, cranes and trees (\$700-\$900). Jade lovers will be attracted by the 19th century celadon jade carving of the distinctive fruit known as "Buddha's Hand," offered on a fitted wood stand (\$1,500-\$2,000).

More decorative auction lots with elegant gift potential include an expansive Capo di Monte table centerpiece, a petite Parisian mantle clock in the Louis XV style (\$1,000 to \$1,500) and a framed Italian Majolica Madonna and Child pottery tile panel (\$500-\$700). Other finds are a Royal Vienna porcelain plaque depicting an Odalisque (\$1,000-\$1,500) and beautiful sterling flatware services including the Art Nouveau "Violet" pattern (\$2,000-\$3,000) and the "Grand Baroque" pattern (an extensive set at \$6,000-\$8,000), both by Wallace, New England silversmiths since 1835.

Works by Frank Lloyd Wright are exciting to encounter at auction. At Michaan's December Estate Sale, bidders will compete for an original window (\$5,000-\$8,000) from Northome House, circa 1912-1914, one of Wright's Minnesota "prairie houses"; the same window can be found in the collections of the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Also in museum collections including New York's MoMa is a lithograph by Thomas Hart

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Benton: "Loading Corn" (\$1,500-\$2,000), a harvest scene in the artist's inimitable expressive realist style. Lithographs by Andy Warhol, Paul Cézanne, and Georges Braque will be sold at various estimates ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Sweden's most celebrated artist, Anders Zorn, created a pair of early 20th century etchings in this auction, "The Swan" and "Three Sisters," female nude portraits of striking naturalism and exuberance (\$1,000 -\$1,500 for the two). Zorn was the subject of a 2014 exhibition at San Francisco's Legion of Honor museum. Also in the sale, from a Berkeley estate, are various artists' early 20th century landscapes depicting scenes of the American West such as the Continental Divide, the Apache Trail, a Rocky Mountain vista, and Santa Fe.

Fine miniatures are a special highlight in the December 10th auction. In addition to several lots of unmounted miniature furnishings and accessories, Michaan's is pleased to offer fully assembled miniature rooms created by Tom Roberts, an Oakland designer with five decades of experience who is well known to miniature enthusiasts. Inspired by the Thorne Rooms at the Art Institute of Chicago, his creations will appeal not only to collectors of miniatures, but also to those with a passion for interior design and design history. Two Tom Roberts lots in this auction will also resonate with Francophiles: "Musée Napoleon" (\$2,000-\$3,000) and "Un Américain en Paris" with "La Gloire du Japon" (\$3,000-\$4,000).