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Auction:
Estate Auction
Featuring fine art, decorative arts, Asian art and jewelry
Saturday June 10 at 10am

Previews:
June 3-4, 8 & 9

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

A Huge Star Sapphire, Art Deco Diamonds, and Victorian Carved Coral Lead Michaan's June Estate Auction of Jewelry, Art, and Fine Collectibles.

Fine jewelry is the leading attraction at Michaan's June Estate Auction on Saturday, June 10th, featuring treasures from many estates across a wide range of periods and estimated price points. Precious gemstones set in platinum and gold, jade and coral, and elegant timepieces are front and center in this sale. A luminous star sapphire ring, showcasing a massive stone of approximately 62 carats, is a rare stunner and is estimated to sell at \$15,000 to \$25,000. An Art Deco ring of generous proportions and fine quality centers an emerald-cut diamond of over 3 carats, accented by additional diamonds set in platinum (\$9,000-12,000). Another stellar Art Deco piece is the diamond-encrusted bracelet, one of many lovely bracelets and bangles in this sale such as the tsavorite garnet and diamond bracelet. Diamond brooches and pendants are also offered in June. Romantic Victorian estate treasures include an intricate jewelry suite laden with precious stones, and an exceptional suite expertly crafted of carved coral (\$1,500-2,500). Victorian charmers also include the diamond, 14k yellow gold and rose gold pendant necklace (\$1,500-\$2,500). A highlight among the many fine pieces with timeless style is the two-toned lariat necklace of platinum and rose gold (\$800-1,200). Pearls by Mikimoto and elegant black jade from Gump's, ladies' gold wristwatches, and estate pocket watches are featured. Discerning collectors will find a

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stunning emerald and diamond ring, and a string of lustrous natural pearls, both GIA certified. Chic gold earrings, bracelets, and neck chains will be offered, as will a whimsical gold bunny brooch set with ruby, sapphire and diamond accents (\$400-600). The June assortment includes jewelry wardrobe essentials as well as statement pieces for the jewelry connoisseur.

Fine art lots in the June Estate Auction include two cerebral works by Venezuelan artist Jesus Rafael de Soto, and an exuberant painting (\$1,500-2,000) by self-taught Mexican artist Jesus Reyes Ferreira (also known as Chucho Reyes). Top highlights include a mesmerizing painting by American surrealist Gertrude Abercrombie (1909-1977), a noteworthy Chicago intellectual and bon vivant. A contemporary piece by American original Ira Yeager (\$2,500-3,500) features bunnies, a favorite motif in his work. Yeager (born 1938) studied under Richard Diebenkorn at CCA in Oakland. When he lived abroad in the early 1960s, his expat social circle included Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs and Tennessee Williams; he now makes his home in Northern California. Additional fine American, English, and European paintings include works by Nell Walker Warner, George Bickerstaff, Gianni Pisani (born 1935) and Paul C.F. Jobert (1863-1942).

A highlight among June's decorative art lots is the small bronze, "Nature's Children" (\$1,000-1,500) by Joe Neil Beeler (1931-2006). Another is the unusual Italian mid-20th century sterling silver parrot, its head made of a nautilus shell (\$400-600), by Gabriella Binazzi of Florence. Rosenthal's "Magic Flute" (\$1,500-2,000) is a top dinnerware lot, and sterling flatware includes an International Royal Danish suite (\$1,500-2,000). Collectors of fine crystal will find a large urn (\$500-700) from Saint-Louis, the old and venerated French crystal glassmaker. For the collector of ancient artifacts the sale offers a pair of Cypriot pottery jugs (circa 8th-6th century B.C.), estimated at \$1,200-1,500 (Provenance: Berkeley Galleries, London.)

As always, the Estate Auction offers a diverse selection of fascinating collectibles. June's highlights include a pair of thigh-high Plains Indian style powwow boots (\$700-\$900) and the wonderfully detailed "Riva" handcrafted model boat (\$500-800) by Kiade Maquettes. The Asian Art Department offers Chinese porcelains including glazed ceramics and Famille Rose eggshell porcelain; carved cinnabar; snuff bottles (a group of six including jade and quartz is estimated at \$800-1,200); furniture such as the rosewood dining suite, \$700-900; and scroll paintings. A pair of Jichimu stands and a Kutani porcelain figure are estimated at \$600-800, each lot. The June Estate auction (June 10) is followed by the Fine Asian Works of Art Auction on Sunday, June 18 at 10 am PST, where many more excellent Asian lots will be sold. For complete calendar, catalogs and details, please visit www.michaans.com.