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# MICHAAN'S AUCTIONS

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Auction:  
November Estate Auction  
Featuring fine art, decorative arts and jewelry  
Sunday November 3, 10am (PST)

Previews:  
November 1 - 3

Location:  
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### **Michaan's November Offerings Span Noguchi to Neo-classical**

*Multi-highlight sale features unusual Justin Faivre oil painting, Ippolita fashion ring,  
a first year production Swan chair, large furniture selection*

November's fine art works are offered with a concentration on early 20th century European and California landscapes and Spanish artists. An especially lovely piece is found in a landscape titled "California Foothills" by Franz Arthur Bischoff (1864-1929). The picturesque image of natural growth trees framed by rolling hills is from a private San Francisco collection and remains in wonderful condition (lot 048, \$2,500-3,500). Selections from Chilean artist Roberto Matta's (1911-2002) series "Les Oh! Tomobiles" are seen in lots 574 and 571, each at an estimate of \$750-1,000. The childlike, frenzied color etchings burst with energy from Chile's leading surrealist artist.

Bay Area artist Justin Faivre's (1902-1990) "Girl Fixing Her Hair, 1958" is a rare image from his collective body of work (lot 059, \$600-800). He is largely known for watercolor landscapes and abstracts, making this bold portrait an unusual find. Rich, saturated colors are utilized to depict a young lady combing her hair, as large swathes of blue and red are placed in dynamic composition. Faivre made Oakland the location of his first studio before eventually settling in Alameda. Throughout the 1930s he was exhibited at what is now known as the Oakland Museum and a large portion of his subjects have revolved around Alameda County.

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The Jewelry Department presents quite a large sale in November, with over 280 lots available to the bidding public. A variety of gemstones abound, with substantial carat weights held in numerous pieces. A platinum and diamond cross pendant carries eighty-five princess cut diamonds weighing a total of approximately 7.85 carats (lot 325, \$5,000-6,000). Certified gemstone rings are found in lot 323 which centers an approximate 9.09 carat cushion cut spinel (\$3,000-4,000) and lot 497 which features a pear cut demantoid garnet of approximately 2.47 carats (\$1,400-1,800). A ring adorned by three round cut zircons weighing a total of approximately 9.25 carats will be sold as lot 214 (\$1,200-1,500) and a certified jadeite suite of a pendant, earrings and ring will sell as lot 295 at an auction estimate of \$5,000-7,000.

Highlighting the jewelry selection is an Ippolita rose quartz, diamond and 18 karat yellow gold ring (lot 208, \$800-1,200). Ippolita jewelry pieces have been wildly successful at Michaan's Auctions, as previous offerings have achieved anywhere from an approximate 95% sell-through to a 100% sell-through. The ring for sale is undoubtedly a playful and fashion-forward piece, as a sprinkling of nine round rose quartz cabochons and eight full cut diamonds are splayed across five delicate bands of gold. Ippolita Collection pieces remain a Hollywood favorite, as they have adorned A-list starlets such as Halle Berry, Reese Witherspoon and Kate Hudson. The line has also been carried at major high-end retailers such as Bergdorf Goodman and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Michaan's 20th Century Design Department features many furniture pieces in the November estate auction, including wall and shelving units, tables and chairs. A varied collection of 10 lots of lighting are highlighted by Kurt Verson floor lamps, a pair of Noguchi paper shades and a 1973 flexible chrome model "Charmer" lamp in mint condition with its original tag. A modern design lot of children's items provides a unique grouping of collectible pieces, including a Fageol Walkee bike, a Temco Jet scooter and a Super Jet Speedster. A Marco Zanuso and Richard Sapper child's chair rounds out the grouping, finished by an assortment of catalogs and literature.

Arne Jacobson's (1902-1971) iconic Swan chair stands as a testament to his fluid modern furniture designs, to be offered as lot 894 (\$1,200-1,600). He enjoyed worldwide success for simple and effective chair forms, which also included The Ant, Series 7 and The Egg. The Swan was commissioned for the SAS Royal Hotel in 1958, combining modernist ideals with a sense of Nordic naturalism. Shortly before his death, Jacobsen reflected upon his career, concluding, "The fundamental factor is proportion...That is the essential thing." The first year production chair will be sold alongside an additional Swan chair, with both remaining in excellent original condition along with original materials.

Quality furniture offerings are at the forefront of the November auction, evidenced by a lengthy list of pieces. Seating includes a Renaissance Revival hall chair adorned with masks (lot 124, \$800-1,200). Louis XV style pieces include a pair of leather upholstered walnut chairs (lot 095, \$500-800), a verdure tapestry armchair (lot 096, \$300-400) and a pair of leather upholstered pear chairs in the Art Nouveau style (lot 097, \$300-400). Additional seating includes a chaise lounge with burgundy upholstery (lot 120, \$800-1,200), a leather top inlaid davenport (lot 108, \$800-1,200) and a Renaissance Revival bench (lot 126, \$800-1,200).

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A substantial furniture piece in the sale is an Art Nouveau marble top buffet in the Louis XV taste (lot 102, \$600-800). Chests are highlighted by lot 115, a Janson Napoleon style tall chest complete with six drawers and brass gallery (\$1,000-1,500) and a Renaissance Revival chest on chest listed as lot 131 at an estimate of \$800-1,200.

The illustrated auction catalog will be available for review at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com). Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on November 1st to the 3rd, the day of sale. For general information please call (510) 740-0220 ext. 0 or e-mail [info@michaans.com](mailto:info@michaans.com). Michaan's Auctions is located at 2751 Todd Street, Alameda, CA 94501.

## **About Michaan's Auctions**

Michaan's Auctions is a leading full service auction house on the West Coast. Specializing in the appraisals and sale of antiques and fine art, Michaan's has specialists in the fields of Furniture and Decorative Arts, Modern, Contemporary Art, European and American Paintings and Prints, Jewelry and Asian Works of Art.

Established in 2002, Michaan's Auctions holds up to thirty sales each year attracting a broad base of buyers and consignors from all over the world. With one of the largest facilities in Northern California and the Bay Area's lowest buyers premium Michaan's offers buyers and sellers the opportunity to preview and bid on many unique and desirable property. Some of these pieces realized world record prices. In 2005 A.D.M. Cooper's oil painting, Three Graces 1915, sold for a record \$21,060 and an Eduard Gaertner oil, German City Street Scene 1831, sold for \$266,000.

Michaan's has built its reputation on its ability to accept single items, groups or entire estates with its "no risk consignment policy" free of hidden fees and charges. Michaan's specialists are dedicated to staying current on the latest issues and developments in the market and are committed to providing personalized and professional attention throughout the entire auction process.

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