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Auction:  
Estate Auction  
Featuring fine art, decorative arts and jewelry  
August 4

Previews:  
August 2 - 4

Location:  
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### **Spanish Jewelry House, Scottish-American Painter & German Porcelain Highlight Michaan's August Auction**

*Selection of international pieces includes Carrera Y Carrera necklace,  
small scale William Keith oil and decorative Meissen urn*

The month of August brings a multitude of gemstones in the offered jewelry lots, including but not limited to, opal, tourmaline, sapphire, ruby, blue topaz, peridot, emerald and tanzanite pieces. Diamonds abound as well, appearing in over 80 lots of the over 135 lot sale. Timepieces are also available in a range of estimates from \$200 to \$6,000, with featured makers such as Patek Philippe, Concord, Jaeger Le Coultre and Elgin. An assortment of jades will also be presented to bidders, with green, lavender, yellow and white varieties seen in the sale.

A Carrera Y Carrera 18 karat yellow gold equine necklace highlights Michaan's jewelry lots. The cleverly fashioned links are composed of interspersed depictions of horse heads forming an 18 inch necklace, culminating in a hefty total weight of 47.7 pennyweights. Carrera Y Carrera is largely considered one of the most prestigious jewelry brands in the world with what is understood to be one of the most skilled jewelry workshops in existence. The esteemed Spanish jewelry firm is headquartered in Madrid and has been commissioned to make jewelry pieces for the Spanish Royal Family as well as the Spanish government. The Carrera Y Carrera equine necklace will be sold as lot 221 at an estimate of \$2,500-3,500.

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American and European art works from the 20th and 21st centuries account for a large portion of the fine art offerings. Lots include selections of oil paintings, watercolors, ceramics, etchings, lithographs and serigraphs. Images of California are seen in numerous auction highlights, from a variety of noteworthy artists. "Peaceful Cove" is from San Francisco based modernist landscape painter Tom E. Lewis (1909-1979). The classic watercolor depicts a quintessential Northern California fishing village, to be sold at an auction estimate of \$2,000-3,000 (lot 036). Charles Dormon Robinson's (1847-1933) "Summer View of Mount Diablo" shows the landmark against a picturesque sky and rolling California hills (lot 037, \$600-900). Also available is a lot of three August Gay (1890-1948) etchings of 1920s scenes of Monterey and San Francisco. From the same series is an etching currently held in an Oakland Museum collection. These works are also on display through 2013 at the Stevenson House in Monterey (lot 425, \$1,000-1,500).

Acclaimed landscape painter William Keith presents yet another image of California in the sale. The artist holds one of the strongest collector followings in the current marketplace, with lot 035 as a lovely example from the latter period of his painting career. Known for his large scale, romanticized views of California, the piece titled "Mountain Landscape" is a small gem in contrast, measuring a mere 5 1/4 by 8 1/4 inches (\$1,400-1,800). Smaller works from Keith such as "Mountain Landscape" were greatly influenced by the Barbizon school of painting, seen in the subdued tones as well as the strong emphasis on mood. Just as in his larger landscape paintings, Keith conveys the magnificence of nature in this evocative painting.

The Furniture and Decorative Art Department's August sale is largely composed of a wide range of period and contemporary decorative items. Glasswork collections are handsomely represented and feature pieces from Paul Stankard, Steuben, Lundberg Studios, Gallé, Kosta Boda, Lalique, Blenko and Daum. Quality silver lots will undoubtedly be a strong bidder pull, with Tiffany & Co., Gorham, Fisher, Sheffield and Shreve & Co. making an appearance. Selections of European and American furniture will also be available, with lots encompassing Arts & Crafts to Chippendale pieces.

A highly decorative Meissen urn is a featured porcelain lot in the auction. The urn displays numerous decorative motifs, with double snake handles creating a striking visual effect. Twin coiling snakes rise from ornate foliage handle bases on each side of the piece, with the serpent's heads coming to rest upon the rim. The neck of the urn is richly painted with a cobalt blue hue, offsetting various border designs. The central portion of the porcelain body is then hand painted with sprays of assorted spring blooms. The Meissen hand painted snake handled urn will be offered in the sale as lot 458 at an auction estimate of \$1,000-1,500.

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The illustrated auction catalog will be available for review at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com). Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on August 2nd and continue to the 4th, 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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