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## PRE SALE PRESS RELEASE!

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Auction:  
Estate Auction  
Featuring fine art, decorative arts, Asian art and jewelry  
Sunday March 3 at 10am

Previews:  
March 1 - 3

Location:  
Michaan's Auctions  
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### **Eclectic Estate Finds at Michaan's**

*Leroy Neiman original art, 18 karat gold repeater watch, multi-stone Asian tea caddy, Francis Elkins design cart in March Auction*

The Fine Art Department presents works from American and European artists from the 15th to 21st centuries. A wide range of art is available in the sale, including oil paintings, works on paper, engravings, watercolors, lithographs, bronze sculpture, etching and serigraphs. Featured in the March offerings is an original work of art by Leroy Neiman titled "Rick in the Pit, 1987" (lot 032, \$6,000-9,000). Penske racer Rick Meers was captured at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway by the artist, who created the sketch from the pit. The mixed media on paper artwork comes with a certificate of authenticity and measures approximately 28 by 33 inches. Neiman became wildly popular the world over for his vibrantly colored and energetic images of sporting events. His international praise led him to be commissioned as the official artist of five Olympiads. Neiman's sketches from the 1972 Olympics were mounted in the same year by the Indianapolis Museum of Art for their excellence.

The Jewelry Department highlights a varied selection of offerings, including two exceptional diamond and platinum lots. Lot 231 is a pair of double clips featuring an asymmetric swirl motif mounting and approximately 7.50 carats of fine diamonds

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(\$3,000-5,000). An Art Deco brooch in a buckle style mounting featuring eighty-seven diamonds will also be auctioned at an estimate of \$1,000-1,500 (lot 212).

Beautiful and unique pieces are also seen in a Victorian necklace of diamonds and seed pearls set in a floral motif lavalier style (lot 167, \$800-1,000) and a pearl and diamond bangle bracelet (lot 169, \$1,000-1,200). Also quite lovely is a whimsical brooch of amethyst, turquoise and diamonds set in 14 karat yellow gold. The piece, fashioned as a potted bouquet, will be offered as lot 139 at an auction estimate of \$600-700.

Highlighting the timepiece selection is a unique Fritz Piquet & Buchmann pocket watch (lot 245, \$2,000-3,000). The 18 karat yellow gold chronograph repeater is in wonderful working condition as it still audibly chimes. The Fritz Piquet company was known for their superb work with adjusted watches and for supplying watch movements to makers such as Patek Philippe during the mid-19th century. Fritz Piquet and the Buchmann firm joined forces as expert adjusters specializing in complicated watches, becoming a top contender in their field. Fritz Piquet & Buchmann also won multiple awards, including first place in complicated watches in Geneva Timing Competitions as well as in the 1888 Geneva Observatory Timing Contest.

Over 90 lots, including but not limited to, porcelains, Japanese works of art, religious statues, furniture, scrolls and paintings will be a part of the Asian Department's March offerings. A highly collectible tea caddy leads the decorative selection, to be offered as lot 272 (\$1,200-1,800). Quite small in stature, the container measures approximately 3 3/4 inches in height by 3 inches in width, but with markedly elaborate ornamentation. The piece is beautifully decorated by thirty-one natural cabochons of tourmaline, jadeite, rose quartz and rock crystal quartz. Two natural jadeite bangles then encircle the silver-gilt tea caddy, nicely complimenting the look of its segmented body. The piece is further adorned with filigree and enamel work, fashioned in floral and foliage motifs set upon a fine mesh overlay.

Furniture and decorations features a selection of period décor, collectibles, ceramics, glass, silver and Persian rugs and carpets. This month, a desirable collection of English furniture will be offered at auction. Available pieces include a flip top breakfast table (lot 051, \$800-1,200), a set of twelve mahogany chairs (lot 050, \$800-1,200) and a pair of Queen Anne style mahogany night stands (lot 046, \$500-700).

Highlighting the English furniture selection is a Francis Elkins mahogany rolling cart offered as lot 052 (\$500-700). The cart is simply done in clean lines letting the design and beauty of the wood take precedence. The open work cart is sectioned by thin wood dividers that measure approximately 1 1/2 or 1 1/4 inches in width. Understated metal brackets are fashioned on each corner, complimenting the long lines of the piece. This Elkins cart is a timeless example of the legendary style of the decorator. Her

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esteemed career brought her to work as an interior designer for Hollywood moguls as well as prominent Midwestern industrialists. This particular cart originated from an estate in Pebble Beach where Francis Elkins personally executed the interior design work.

The illustrated online catalog will be available for review at [www.michaans.com](http://www.michaans.com). Previews open at Michaan's Auctions on March 1st and continue until March 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, Asian Works of Art and Ethnographic 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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