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Summer Fine Sale  
Featuring fine art, fine jewelry, furniture, decorative arts, and Asian art  
Friday, June 17; 10 a.m.

Gallery Auction  
Featuring fine art, jewelry, furniture, decorative arts, and Asian art  
Saturday, June 18; 10 a.m.

Previews:  
Thursday, February 17; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Friday, February 18; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saturday, February 19; 9 a.m. – end of auction

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

### **Summer Starts with Dali, Erté, fine Asian and Herend Porcelain, and Rolex at Michaan's**

June at Michaan's brings not only the monthly Gallery Auction on Saturday, June 18, but also our annual Summer Fine Sale on Friday, June 17. Highly sought-after items from an array of genres will be offered, including Rolex wristwatches, a 17<sup>th</sup> century Italian table chest, rare Asian decoration, and color illustrations by Salvador Dali.

Among the rare decoration offered at the fine sale is an Ancient Egyptian sculpture of an ibis perched on a marbleized wood base (estimated \$5000-\$8000). Across the Mediterranean, bidders won't want to miss the 17<sup>th</sup> century Italian collector's table chest (estimated \$5000-\$7000). The exterior is painted with a floral motif, and the front cover drops down to reveal a carved architectural classical façade inlaid and mounted with various stones. One would be hard pressed to find a more curious item at this month's sales.

Art at the fine sale brings no shortage of noteworthy pieces and names, including fifteen lithographs of a floral suite by Salvador Dali (Spanish, 1904-1989) (estimated \$1000-\$15000). Also highlighting fine art is an 1898 oil on canvas by Thomas Hill (American, 1829-1908), *Yosemite Valley with Cowboys on Horseback, Bridal Veil Falls, El Capitan and Half Dome in*

*Background* (estimated \$30000-\$50000). The painting is one among many that captures Hill's admiration of the Yosemite Valley.

Many jewelry items brighten up the fine sale, including nine Rolex wristwatches. Among them can be found a "Pre-Daytona" stainless steel wristwatch inscribed for a 1964 Yankees American League Champion (estimated \$40000-\$60000). A number of diamond, platinum jewelry items comprise the sale as well, including several diamond rings and a diamond, platinum tennis bracelet featuring forty-seven emerald cut diamonds (estimated \$15000-\$25000).

Asian art brings several highly desirable decorative items to the fine sale, including a rare, finely painted Chinese blue and white quatrefoil jar (estimated \$10000-\$15000), and a Chinese five-leaf folding screen (estimated \$1000-\$1500). Each leaf comprises a carved, gilt wood frame and encloses a famille rose porcelain plaque. Decorating each plaque is an inscribed poem and a finely enameled illustration of an immortal or sage in a natural landscape.

Following the fine sale is Michaan's monthly gallery auction on Saturday, June 18, in which a number of unique items can be found. Among these are a collection of Herend red fishnet porcelain birds, including a rooster, hummingbird, and a small turkey (estimated \$800-\$1200). For decades, Herend Porcelain Manufactory was purveyor to the Habsburg Dynasty, Queen Victoria, and aristocracy across Europe, but this bright collection of bird figurines would make a charming addition to anyone's home. To stand even closer to the ranks of European aristocracy, one might bid on a suit of plate armor (estimated \$800-\$1200) that will also feature in the gallery sale.

A wide selection of fine art can be found in the gallery auction, including an original 1967 Monterey Pop Festival poster featuring Jimi Hendrix, The Who, and Janis Joplin (\$1000-\$2000). Dog lovers can also find an oil on panel by Carl Reichert (Austrian, 1836-1918), *Boy with Dachsund* (estimated \$1200-\$1600). Sculptures can be found at the sale as well, including "The Marriage Dance" by Romain de Tirtoff (Erté) (Russian/French, 1892-1990) (\$2000-\$4000). Though Tirtoff worked in an array of artistic fields from fashion to set design, his delicate figures and glamorous art deco designs are distinctly recognizable.

June brings unique jewelry items like Ancient Roman bead necklaces, but one need only go as far back as the Victorian era to find an elegant half pearl, 14k yellow gold bracelet that's always in fashion (\$1500-\$2500). Alternatively, one can wear a Mexican amethyst, 970 silver necklace by Antonio Pineda (Mexican, 1919-2009) (estimated \$800-\$1200), a modernist designer and silversmith known for his bold designs and inventive, technically refined style.

Asian art rounds out the selection at the June gallery auction with such highlights as a large Chinese celadon ground famille rose porcelain jardiniere (estimated \$1400-\$2000). The porcelain is a light sea foam green with pink floral motifs on every face, making it the perfect decoration for a soft, inviting room. Asian art also offers two Chinese carved wooden gilded standing Buddha and Guanyin statues (\$800-\$1200).

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