

Auctioneers & Appraisers

## **Quality Kitchenware for Less**

Welcome to our blog series which highlights some of the great finds available at Michaan's Auctions monthly Annex Auctions. In this series, we will highlight a few examples of furniture and other home goods recently sold at Michaan's Annex Auction and compare them with their supposed equivalent from a big retail option such as IKEA, Wayfair, and others.

Luckily quality options from years past are still available at Michaan's Annex Auctions. Every month, we sell



hundreds of gently used furniture pieces, each featuring a unique and beautifully crafted design that will last decades longer than the modern alternative. Better yet, gently used furniture from Michaan's Auctions regularly sells at much lower prices than in-store options.

## **Annex Highlights**

The first item I'd like to highlight from Michaan's Auctions May Annex Sale is Lot 1459, **Two Boxes of Kitchen Utensils, Pots, and Pans,** which sold for only \$4. Included in this lot are six pots and pans of various sizes, many essential kitchen utensils in durable, hardwearing designs, and a strainer. All of these items feature fullmetal construction, meaning they will



long outlast entry-level options from retailers such as Target, while the entire lot easily beats the price of a single pan. Three of the pans feature rubber covers on the handles to prevent burns, which are removable and can be placed on the items you most frequently use. For a student or first-time apartment renter looking to build out a kitchen on a budget and start saving on food costs, lots like this one can be a lifesaver. Better yet similar lots are offered in every Michaan's Auctions Annex sale, meaning prices stay low and you can find the collection that works best for you.

Another example of pots and pans offered at a low price was Lot 1504, **A Group of Vintage Pots and Pans**, which could have sold for only \$7. This lot offered an even more complete collection of cookware, including two saute pans, eight fry pans, four saucepans, and a muffin tray, all in various sizes. This diversity makes it easy to cook dinner-party-worthy meals even on a budget and choosing a perfectly sized pan gives the cook better results, not to mention more efficiency.

## **Michaan's Auctions**

2701 Monarch Street, Alameda, CA 94501 1-800-380-9822 | (510) 740-0220 Like the first lot we mentioned, each pan is made of thick, durable metal allowing for long-lasting performance that will far outlast thinly cast options available at budget retailers. In contrast to the \$30 non-stick pan that will need replacement in two years, these pans have likely already been enjoyed for decades and, with a minimum amount of proper care, will last for decades to come.

Michaan's Auctions monthly Annex Sales offer far more than entrylevel pans, in fact, these sales regularly feature brand-name kitchen appliances in excellent condition. In last month's May Annex Auction, we offered a **Kitchen Aid Mixer and a Tramontina Chafing Dish** as Lot 355 in the sale, which sold for only \$65. Kitchen Aid Stand Mixers are industrystandard equipment and are found on

the counters of homes across America

because they are well-built machines that work effectively and look great doing it. Unfortunately, this quality usually comes at a price, new mixers start at \$329 for the small model, and even refurbished options begin north of \$200 and are frequently out of stock! This is where Michaan's Auction's customers can benefit from the incredible value provided by the secondhand market, which led to this item being sold for less than 20% of the price of a new mixer, which also included a Chafing Dish in excellent condition, itself valued at an additional \$65.



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As you can see, Michaan's Auctions Annex Sales can offer a higher quality item for a lower price than major retailers. Registration and bidding are intuitive processes and can be done 100% online! You don't even need to watch the auction, simply submit an absentee or online bid, and check back at the end of the sale to see if you've won the item.

The June Annex Auction is being held Monday, June 10th; Tuesday, June 11th; and Wednesday, June 12th. This venue gives collectors a wide variety of jewelry, fine art, decorative arts, furniture, Asian art, stamps, and coins to choose from. The auction includes over 2,500 lots, most estimated under \$300.

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