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# MICHAAN'S AUCTIONS

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**“Chapter I” – Vito Giallo Auction:**

Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>; 10 a.m.

**Summer Fine Sale:**

Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>; 1 p.m.

**June Gallery Auction:**

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>; 10 a.m.

**Preview:**

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>; 9 a.m. – end of auction

Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>; 9 a.m. – end of auction

**Fine Art, Silver, and Collectibles From the  
Historic Vito Giallo Estate at Michaan's Auctions**

ALAMEDA – Michaan's Auctions is proud to announce a partnership with the notable New York artist and antiques dealer, Vito Giallo, who is finally offering the most treasured items from his Madison Avenue store. Michaan's Auctions will be presenting an initial selection from his vast estate in a special auction preceding our Summer Fine Sale on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. This collection, titled “Chapter I” to commemorate the recent publishing of Vito Giallo's memoir, features exceptional pieces across every department, headlined by bronzes and painted works in the Fine Art Department, as well as impressive collections of Silver & Objects de Vertu. Also included are important collectibles, quality decorations, and admirable pieces in glass.

The Fine Art Department is highlighting several important works offered by Vito Giallo, including an outstanding portrait in oil and two significant bronzes, amongst other works. The section is headlined by a work **Attributed to Otto Dix (German, 1891-1969), Portrait of Gentleman, oil on canvas** (\$10/12,000), a striking and intense piece that highlights the modernist artist's uncanny rendering of the human form. Also on offer is **Nicolino Calyo, The Great Ash Eruption, mixed media** (\$5/8,000) an elegant piece with excellent coloring that depicts the 1831 eruption of an underwater

volcano off the coast of Sicily. In bronze, the department will be offering **Robert Tait McKenzie, Winded, bronze** (\$3/5,000), a moving figural work from the Canadian modernist and **John Quincy Adams Ward, Portrait, bronze (\$1/1,500)** an accessible piece from the artist best known for his sculpture of George Washington at Federal Hall on Wall Street. These works will be offered alongside notable prints such as **Tsuguharu Foujita, Cat, etching** (\$6/1,000), and **Salvador Dali, Monkey and Leopard, drypoint etching** (\$3/500), as well as watercolor and gouache artworks by the Russian-born American artist Eugene Berman, including **Eugene Berman, Rocky Shoreline, gouache and watercolor** (\$6/800), and **Eugene Berman, Ballerina, watercolor** (\$4/700). Finally, Michaan's Auctions is proud to offer a collection of prints by the leader of photographic modernism, **Man Ray, Three Unframed Prints** (\$3/500).

The Silver & Objects de Vertu Department will offer several valued collections, led by **Four English Regency Sterling Silver Gilt Tureens** (\$3/5,000), an 1816 set produced by William Burwash in London. Also featured, is a **Set of Twelve Redlich & Co. Sterling Silver Dishes** (\$3,5/4,500) that includes fine details such as a chased foliate motif and armorial crest featuring a fox. Vito Giallo and the department will also be offering a **French Massat Freres Silver Flatware Service** (\$3,2/3,800) from the respected Parisian silversmiths. Several smaller items will be on the block including **Two Italian Carimati Sterling Silver Boxes** (\$1,2/1,800), a **Ferdinand Von Reznicek Enameled Silver Cigarette Case** (\$6/900), and an **Austro Hungarian Silver Gilt Snuff Box** (\$5/700), all fine examples of European design in silver.

Michaan's Auctions's Collectibles Department has a particularly strong selection in "Chapter I" of the Vito Giallo sales. The department would like to highlight a **Framed Miniature Painting P T Barnum and Tiny Tim** (\$2/3,000) originating from Paris in 1845. Featuring P T Barnum, founder of the long-running American circus company, and Charles Sherwood Stratton, who performed for Barnum under the name Tiny Tim and became an international star, this painting was made during the three-year European tour which would launch the careers of both men. Next is a **Tiffany & Co. Vermeil Sterling Silver Serving Tray** (\$1/1,500) and **Two Russian .84 Silver Niello Snuff Boxes** (\$4/600), both rare examples of notable historic items.

The Furniture & Decorations Department will be highlighting several outstanding decorative works, the first of which is the **Modern Swedish Porphyry Box and Cover** (\$1,5/2,000) featuring prestigious large crystal, fine-grained matrix granite with gilt metal handles. Second, is a **Pair of Bronze Figural Rabbit Form Candlesticks** (\$1/1,500), each featuring a rabbit standing on its hind legs, holding a cabbage-formed candleholder. Also highlighted are a **Collection of Derbyshire Blue John Table Articles** (\$1/1,500), comprising a chalice and nine various bowls, and a **Sabatini De**

**Angelis & Fils, Bronze Hermes After the Antique** (\$9/1,200). Also in our sale are a **Pair of French Restauration Rock Crystal Candlesticks** (\$8/1,200) and **Three Unframed Antique Maps Including Johann Baptist Homann** (\$4/800).

Also from the Furniture & Decorations Department, this sale will feature several pieces of fine furniture and superior light fixtures. First, an **Empire Style Round Table** (\$1/1,500) showcases the versatility of the French-inspired neoclassical American style, alongside the classic design of the **Victorian Yew Traveling Decanter Set** (\$5/900) which remains popular more than a century after its introduction. A **Pair of Empire Marble Base Figural Table Lamps** (\$5/800) will also be offered alongside an **18th Century English Gateleg Table** (\$4/700) and an **Art Deco Style Top Tiger Eye Table with Metal Base** (\$4/700).

The Ceramics & Glass Department is highlighting several outstanding pieces in this sale, leading with two collections of fine crystal, a **Set of Lalique Crystal Stems** (\$1,5/2,500) from the French luxury manufacturer, and a **Set of Steuben Air Twist Stems** (\$4/700) from the epitomic American glassmaker. Also offered this month is a work from the Maisser family, the veritable dynasty of French ceramicists, the **Delphin Massier Painted Vase** (\$6/1,000), as well as a **Baccarat Lily Motif Three Piece Vanity Set** (\$3/500) from the 260-year-old French luxury marque, and an additional **Collection of Steuben Glass Stem and Barware** (\$3/500).

The Asian Art Department will be offering numerous prints, statues, and historic vessels in the final portion of the sale. A **Hindu Stone Stele of Buddha on Horse** (\$1/1,500) will lead the section, a detailed work carved in limestone. Following this work are several prints, including **Collection of Seven Unframed Japanese Woodblock Prints** (\$5/800), which consists mostly of works by Utagawa Kunisada (1813-1826) depicting scenes from Kabuki, including the Courtesan Urzato and Tokijiro, and a **Collection of Nine Unframed Japanese Woodblock Prints** (\$5/800) including works by Toyokuni II (Utagawa Toyoshige, 1777-1835) and Bakufu Ohno (1888-1976). Also on offer is a **Japanese Bronze Vase with Handles** (\$6/800), a finely decorated piece depicting a Samurai approaching a curled-up fox, and a **Chinese Large Ding Type Bowl 'Pine and Crane' Motif** (\$5/800) with a motif of two cranes under a pine tree and covered with a pale ivory glaze.

The Fashion Department will feature a **Vintage Hermes Travel Briefcase and a Lady's Travel Toiletry Briefcase** (\$8/1,200) from the Parisian luxury goods company that formerly manufactured items for the royal family, while the Ethnographic Art Department will present an **Ethnographic Oceanic Carved Bone Figure** (\$7/100) on an ebonized wood base. Finally, the Books & Manuscripts Department will highlight two works, including **Sacheverell Sitwell, Et al.; "Fine Bird Books**

**1700-1900", London, New York; Collins & Van Nostrand, 1953** (\$2/400), a large antique hardcover book with leather binding and marbled paper, as well as a collection of elegant **Paul Klee Folios** (\$6/100).

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