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Fine Art and Silver & Objects de Vertu Departments Lead “Chapter I” Auction of the Vito Giallo Collection

ALAMEDA — The “Chapter I” Auction of the Vito Giallo Collection held on Monday, June 17th at Michaan’s Auctions realized notable prices as the opening act of an ongoing partnership with Vito Giallo. The sale was headlined by a bronze statue from a Canadian artist that drew attention from in-person and online bidders, a French silver flatware service, and a collection of refined table articles, in addition to other strong realized prices in the Fine Art and Silver & Objects de Vertu Departments.

The Fine Art Department was headlined by an impressive bronze from the Canadian modernist sculptor and doctor, as **Robert Tait McKenzie, Winded, bronze** was finalized at \$6,150. Next, a fascinating and complex work, **Spanish Colonial School, Religious Saints, oil** attracted several in-person, online, and phone bidders, who drove its price well beyond its estimate to \$4,305. Reaching the same price was an important piece of performance art history, a **Framed Miniature Painting P. T. Barnum and Tom Thumb** made during the duo’s European tour which established their international fame. Also reaching an impressive price, an **Ethnographic Oceanic Carved Bone Figure** achieved \$2,460, while **Frederick George Richard Roth, Mule, Bronze** sold for \$1,845 and **Gerritt Smith Rice, New Haven Scene, Midas Bros, oil** reached \$1,476. Finally, an interesting work by the 19th-century American artist **William Harnett, Still Life, watercolor**, culminated at \$1,230.

The Silver & Objects de Vertu Department had another strong sale, headlined by the **French Massat Freres Silver Flatware Service**, a lot containing over twenty pieces of fine silverwork that drew competing bids up to \$5,228. Next was the **Tiffany Etched Lap Over Edge Pattern Sterling Flatware**, a six-item group of exquisitely detailed flatware that was finalized at \$3,998. Also from the department, a **French Gustav Keller Sterling Silver Travel Clock** with five faces, including a compass, barometer, thermometer, calendar, and clock achieved \$2,460. Two lots, an **Antique Tiffany Sterling Silver Asparagus Server** and **Three Georgian and Later Silver Baby Rattle Whistles** were sold for \$800 each. Finally, **Two Vintage Hermes Cases: Toiletry and Luggage** from the Fashion Department reached a notable price, as the lot from the Parisian luxury goods manufacturer sold for \$2,091.

The Furniture and Decorative Department continued to achieve strong prices, led by a **Collection of Derbyshire Blue John Table Articles** which exceeded estimates to sell for \$4,920. Another successful lot was the **Portrait Miniature, Young Girl Reading**, a beautifully preserved collectible piece that realized \$2,214. Later in the day, an **Italian Neoclassical Porphyry Pictorial Dionysus Plaque** reached \$2,091, while **Two Cast Iron Bases** and a **Pair of Empire Figural Marble Base Table Lamps** each achieved \$1,230. Finally, a **Mappin & Webb Sterling Guilloche Traveling Clock** was finalized at \$923 after drawing interest from absentee and online bidders.

The Asian Art Department had another successful sale and was led by **Japanese Bronze Vase with Handles**, a highly regarded example depicting a Samurai warrior pictured with a fox that garnered week-long interest from absentee bidders, eventually bringing the price up to \$3,075. Later, a **Group of Chinese Assorted Carvings** and a **Group of Two Asian Bird Shaped Porcelain Items** each sold for \$1,968. Finally, a **Japanese Six-Panel Painted Screen, 'Folding Fans'** attracted competing online bids culminating at \$923 and a group of **Chinese Celadon and Monochrome Glazed Porcelain Items** sold for \$615.

Michaan's Auctions will be holding "Chapter II" and "Chapter III" sales from the Vito Giallo collection beginning in September. Be the first to hear about upcoming sales and unique items by following Michaan's Auctions on Instagram (@michaans_auctions) or by joining our email list at www.michaans.com/mailling-list

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July Gallery Auction:

Friday, July 19th; 10 a.m.

Location:

2701 Monarch Street Alameda, CA

Preview:

Sunday, July 14th; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 18th; 10 a.m.– 5 p.m.

Friday, July 19th; 9 a.m. – end of auction