

AMERICANA & FINE ARTS ESTATE AUCTION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

MERRILL'S AUCTION GALLERY

137 JAMES BROWN DRIVE, WILLISTON, VERMONT



James Edward Fitzgerald
(AM 1899-1971) Coastal Scene



Francois Hubert Drouais
(FR 1727-1775)
Portrait of a girl



Exceptional Pair of
18th c Chinese Cache Pots



Mrs. Sarah Fisher Ames
Civil War Era Archive - Abraham Lincoln Letter



Portrait of Julia Whistler
(1825-1875) Descending in
J A M Whistler Family



Fine Louis XV 18th c Bureau Plat Writing Desk



Qing Dynasty
Chinese Silk Robe



Philippe Andreevich Maliavin
(RU 1869-1940) o/c "Three Babas"



10 CT Yellow Sapphire &
Diamond Ring



James McNeil Whistler (AM 1834-1903)
w/c "The Sea Grey & Silver"



Fine Inlaid Georgian Hepplewhite sideboard



1 of 3 Aiden Lassell Ripley
(AM 1896-1969) Two Grouse



Erwin Wurm (AM 1954-)
A Fountain for Arthur Rimbaud



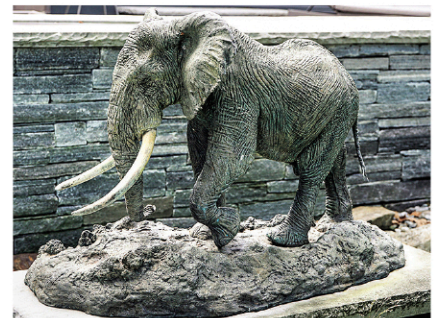
95 pcs. Kirk Repousse
Sterling Silver Flatware



Joe Fafard
(CA 1942-2019) Pecos.
Life-Size Bronze Horse



5.24 CT Natural Ruby &
Diamond Ring



Murray Grant (Kenya Contemporary)
Chyulu Bronze Bull

Merrill's Auctioneers and Appraisers is pleased to offer items from the estate of Hester Fearing Black (1933-2023) of Stowe, VT, the daughter of George Richmond Fearing, Jr. and Vera Whistler Howell Fearing. Many objects descend from George R. Fearing (1839-1920) president of the Knickerbocker Club during the Gilded Age, and builder of "The Orchard" one of the oldest Newport, R.I. mansions, as well as other consignors, to include Early American Furniture, Paintings, Prints, Books, Photographs, Civil War material, Oriental rugs, Glass, China, Silver, Jewelry, & Accessories.

This sale features an important watercolor seashore landscape "The Sea Grey & Silver" by James McNeil Whistler, descending directly in the Whistler family with accompanying family history. Of note is an important early 20th c Russian painting of 3 women and a baby by Philip Andreevich Maliavin (1869-1940). Also of interest is a life size bronze sculpture of a young horse "Pecos" by Canadian sculptor Joe Fafard (CA 1942-2019).

This sale also features an important archive of letters to Mrs Sarah Fisher Ames (1817-1901, sculptress of busts of Abraham Lincoln & Civil War Battlefield Nurse), including a Jan 5, 1865 letter from President Abraham Lincoln to the Surgeon General "The bearer of this, Mrs Ames, wishes to go anywhere she can to minister to our wounded, and I shall be glad for you to give any facilities you can, consistent with the services", also letters from Generals, Cabinet members, & authors, including Oliver Wendell Holmes, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, & John Greenleaf Whittier.

The sale also offers a fantastic pair of 18th c Chinese cache pots decorated with horses, a fine 18th c portrait of a young girl by Francois Hubert Drouais (Fr 1727-1775), & three large sporting watercolors of grouse by A Lassell Ripley (1896-1969).

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