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Kaminski Auctions Concludes 2007 with a Bang **Émile Gallé Cat Figure Realizes \$10,637**

(Lynnfield, MA) – Kaminski's Year-End Auction, held December 29 and 30, was a unqualified success, with many items realizing final prices far beyond original estimates. Attendees of this two-day event hailed from across New England and were wowed with a rare and unique selection of consignments. The auction featured antiques, collectibles, furniture, decorative accessories, jewelry and even Hollywood memorabilia from estates spanning Cape Cod to San Diego. (All prices reflect a 15% buyers premium).



An impressive selection of decorative accessories accounted for much of the auction's success. A signed Lalique glass vase surpassed its high estimate of \$500, achieving \$2,645 while a pair of 19th Century Rose Medallion Vases more than doubled their original estimate, realizing \$3,220.

Highlights of the sale also included a 19th Century antique Serapi rug approximately 12' x 14'. This rare piece, carefully maintained and in excellent condition, fetched a final price of \$16,100. A stunning 18-carat white gold ring, featuring a hefty 5.88-carat emerald also stood out at this auction event. After a spirited round of bidding, the ring sold for an impressive \$13,800.

Among a notable selection of Hollywood memorabilia was a collection of 115 photos of celebrities from the 1920's and 30's. While the majority of the photos were unsigned, a handful were inscribed with the autographs of some of the most beloved stars of the silver screen including Rudolph Valentino, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Barbara

Weeks and Ginger Rogers. Originally estimated at \$750-1,250, this collection resonated with nostalgic auction-goers and realized a final price of \$3,105.



Also of note was an early 19th Century burl wood Regency game/sewing table. The table features a chessboard and backgammon board, both inlaid with rosewood and ebony, accompanied by an original silk sewing bag. The piece garnered a great deal of interest, realizing a final price of \$5,462, a possible record for a table of this style.

The surprise headliner of the event was a late 19th/early 20th Century tin-glazed faience cat by artist, Émile Gallé. Gallé, considered to be one of the major forces in the French Art Nouveau movement, is predominantly known for his floral motifs and experimental techniques with glass. Originally estimated at \$2,000-\$3,000, this exceptional piece was highly coveted and realized \$10,637.



“Our Year-End Auction event was a great conclusion to what has been an incredibly successful year for us,” comments Frank Kaminski. “We’re also anticipating a magnificent start to 2008. I’m especially looking forward to a exciting series of appraisal events we’re planning for venues across the North Shore and in San Diego.”

Kaminski’s next auction takes place January 27 and will feature fine art, antiques and collectibles from estates ranging across New England to the West Coast. Please visit www.KaminskiAuctions.com for more information on dates, locations, and featured lots.

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Editor’s Note:

- Interviews with Frank Kaminski can be arranged
- Additional background and photos on request.