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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, February 27, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- John Moran Auctioneers will soon present Art + Design, a sale featuring works from prominent collections, institutions, and galleries. Highlights from the sale include fine art by Alice Baber, Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, Hans Burkhardt, and Ted Harrison. Design highlights include pieces by George Nakashima, Philip and Kelvin LaVerne, Frank Gehry, and George Nelson, along with fine art prints, paintings, sculpture, photography,



Alice Baber (1928-1982) Axe in the Grove 1966 Oil on canvas 48 H x 64 W

furniture, design, and more. The sale will be held live on March 1, 2023. Collectors can view the complete catalog and place bids by visiting <u>Bidsquare.</u>

Axe in the Grove, a 1966 oil on canvas by Alice Baber, is a leading lot in the Art + Design auction (lot #139; estimate: USD 50,000 – \$70,000). Alice Barber (1928 – 1982) was an American Abstract Expressionist painter. Baber was often unwell as a child and regularly traveled to Florida to benefit from sunlight and the outdoors. Later, she traveled as an artist and collected art. She was fond of Latin American art and Asian art, in particular Japanese art. Shapes and colors always intrigued her. And for many, Baber's art defied trends, inspired by sensuous movements and translucent colors. The available painting depicts a myriad of color dots. It was exhibited in A. M. Sachs Gallery, New York City. It was signed by Baber in 1966 and gifted to the present owner in 1980.

https://www.bidsquare.com/online-auctions/john-moran/alice-baber-1928-1982-axe-in-thegrove-1966-oil-on-canvas-48-h-x-64-w-4741755

Table Monogold, a gold leaf table designed by Yves Klein, is a noteworthy furniture lot in the upcoming auction (lot #192; estimate: \$12,000 - \$18,000). It was made between 1961 and 1963 with gold leaf, sealed inside glass, plexiglass, wood, and steel. It comes with a signed placard of authenticity affixed to the underside. Klein (1928 -1962) was a French artist and widely influential figure in post-war European art. He believed his mission in life was to change or provoke emotion through his art. Like Baber, he too traveled to Japan to learn Judo and was influenced by Japanese culture and art. Gold, pink, and blue were his signature colors. Klein threw half of the gold he received during his performance art into a river to restore balance that humans disrupted. Toward the end of his life, Klein used the remaining gold to create a series of gold-leafed works, like the available piece.

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Alongside fine art and furniture, the upcoming sale will also exhibit sculptures and pop culture collectibles. An untitled 1965 iron sculpture signed by Kenneth Hassrick is a leading lot (lot #72; estimate: \$3,000 – \$5,000). Hassrick (1921 – 2004) was an island

Yves Klein, (1928-1962), "Table Monogold," designed 1961/1963, Gold leaf, glass, Plexiglass, wood, and steel, 14.25" H x 49.25" W x 39.25" D



Kenneth Hassrick 1921-2004 Untitled 1965 Iron 68.25 H x 30 W x 18 D

artist. About his works, he said that he chose to express his ideas by "the means of the female figure as the most useful subject, and one of the most complicated and ever variable of subjects."

https://www.bidsquare.com/online-auctions/johnmoran/kenneth-hassrick-1921-2004-untitled-1965-iron-68-25-h-x-30-w-x-18-d-4741688

Other noteworthy lots in the Art + Design auction include:

- Usar algumas palavras que ainda nao tenham idioma (Group R) da Serie Materia de Poesia (Para Manoel de Barros), 2013, a set of six inkjet prints in colors on Canson Rag Photographique paper laid to aluminum panels by Rosângela Rennó Gomes (lot #200; estimate: \$20,000 – \$30,000) https://www.bidsquare.com/online-auctions/johnmoran/rosangela-renno-b-1962-usar-algumaspalavras-que-ainda-nao-tenham-idioma-group-rda-serie-materia-de-poesia-para-manoel-deJOHN MORAN AUCTIONEERS & APPRAISERS

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barros-2013-the-set-of-six-inkjet-prints-in-colors-on-canson-rag-photographique-pape-4741816

- Perspective Reflected, 1964, oil and gold leaf on canvas by Margaret Keane (lot #233; estimate: \$5,000 – \$7,000).

https://www.bidsquare.com/online-auctions/john-moran/margaret-keane-1927-2022perspective-reflected-1964-oil-and-gold-leaf-on-canvas-60-h-x-30-w-4741849

- In the Beginning, a 2022 photopolymer resin and beads sculpture by Rick Wolfryd (lot #205; estimate: \$1,500 – \$2,000).

https://www.bidsquare.com/online-auctions/john-moran/rick-wolfryd-b-1953-in-the-beginning-2022-photopolymer-resin-and-beads-18-5-h-x-19-w-x-17-d-4741821

- Attributed to Bruno Munari, a Modern chess game, circa 1960, hand-painted wood with Plexiglas, hand-painted wood pieces, and foosballs (lot #197; estimate: \$700 – \$900). <u>https://www.bidsquare.com/online-auctions/john-moran/attributed-to-bruno-munari-1907-1998-modern-chess-game-circa-1960-hand-painted-wood-with-plexiglas-hand-painted-wood-pieces-and-foosballs-overall-31-h-x-39-5-w-x-27-75-d-kulicke-frame-27-75-h-x-39-5-w-x-4741813</u>

The Art + Design auction by John Moran Auctioneers will take place on Feb 28, 2023. Interested collectors may attend live in the Philadelphia gallery or online via Bidsquare.

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