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IMPORTANT AMERICAN FURNITURE, SILVER, MARITIME, FOLK AND OUTSIDER ART

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Details of lots: (Lot 114) A Chippendale Carved Cherrywood Tall-Case Clock; (Lot 37) A Silver and Mixed-Metal Water Pitcher and Pair of Matching Beakers, Mark of Tiffany & Co., New York, Circa 1878; (Lot 63) A Carved Pine Ship's Figurehead of a Young Woman, attributed To William Rush (1756-1833), Philadelphia, Circa 1809; (Lot 49) James Castle (1899-1977) Untitled Construction

New York – Christie's sale of *Important American Furniture, Silver, Maritime, Folk and Outsider Art* will present more than 180 lots from the 17th through 21st centuries, representing a spectrum of diverse and dynamic artistry and craftsmanship. The sale features various important private collections including Property from the Estate of Richard J. Schwartz, the Collection of the Late Jack Warner, and Property from The Westervelt Company, among others. With many lots in the sale offered without reserve, this sale presents an excellent opportunity for new and established collectors alike.

The Estate of Richard J. Schwartz will include 15 lots and continues the successful spring sale of American paintings and sculpture from the collection. A highlight of the exceptional aesthetic movement furniture from the Schwartz estate is a **Neo-Grec parcel-gilt and rosewood-inlaid maple console table** commissioned for William H. Vanderbilt (1821-1885), which is one of the most significant survivals made by Herter Brothers, New York City's preeminent Gilded-Age cabinetmakers (estimate: \$40,000-60,000). The console is exceptional for its ornamental carving of the highest caliber, and was featured in The Metropolitan Museum of Art's 2015-16 exhibition on the Herter Brothers.

Other important works amongst the selection of furniture include a Queen Anne dressing table that is a rare survival from mid-18th century Philadelphia and can be firmly attributed to a specific cabinet shop, Henry Cliffton and Thomas Carteret, and a specialist carver, Nicholas Bernard (estimate: \$30,000-50,000). The sale also includes a tall-case clock that displays the talents of clockmaker Isaac Brokaw and cabinetmaker Matthew Egerton, Jr. and is an important example of 18th century New Jersey craftsmanship (estimate: \$30,000-50,000).

Highlighting the maritime and Folk Art from The Westervelt Company is a rare and dynamic **a carved pine ship's** figurehead of a young woman attributed to William Rush (1756-1833), a founder of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts who is widely regarded as the first major American sculptor (estimate: \$30,000-50,000). Another exciting

work from Westervelt is **Thomas F. Laycock's** oversized oil on canvas, **The Maine, 1898** (estimate: \$8,000 - 12,000), one of the artist's final works.

A dynamic selection of Outsider Art features an important and rare large scale work by renowned artist Bill Traylor (1854-1949), *Two Women in Orange, Two Men in Blue, 1939-1942* (estimate: \$50,000-80,000), as well as James Castle's (1899-1977) Untitled Construction, an oversized and rare construction that exemplifies the artist's modernist aesthetic and his sophisticated use of found materials (estimate: \$40,000-60,000). Works by living Outsider artists include Melvin Way (b. 1954) and George Widener (b. 1962), bringing the selection into the experimental and contemporary realm.

The selection of American silver includes a **Tiffany & Co. mixed-metal water pitcher and pair of matching beakers**, **1878** (estimate: \$30,000-50,000), a silver and enamel punch bowl and ladle by Whiting MFG. Co., New York, *circa* **1897** (estimate: \$30,000-50,000) and a silver punch bowl, tray and twenty-four matching cups by Reed & Barton, mid-20th century (Estimate: \$15,000-25,000).







Lot 60

Thomas F. Laycock (1840-1898)

The Maine, 1898
oil on canvas

54 x 78 ½ in. (including frame)
Estimate: \$8,000 - 12,000

Lot 3
The William H. Vanderbilt NeoGrec Parcel-Gilt And
Rosewood-Inlaid Maple
Console Table

Attributed to Herter Brothers (W. 1864–1906), New York, 1869-1871

Estimate: \$40,000 - 60,000

Lot 116
A Queen Anne Carved Walnut
Dressing Table

The Case Attributed To The Shop Of Henry Cliffton (D. 1771) And Thomas Carteret; The Carving Attributed To Nicholas Bernard (D. 1789), Philadelphia, 1750-1760 Estimate: \$30,000 - 50,000

Lot 114
A Chippendale Carved
Cherrywood Tall-Case
Clock

The dial signed by Isaac Brokaw (1746-1826), Elizabeth Town; The case labeled by Matthew Egerton, Jr. (Circa 1769-1836), New Brunswick, New Jersey, Circa 1792 Estimate: \$30,000-50,000



Lot 16
An Impressive Silver Punch
Bowl, Tray and Twenty-Four
Matching Cups

Mark of Reed & Barton, Taunton, Massachusetts, Mid-20th Century Estimate: \$15,000-25,000



Lot 37
A Silver and Mixed-Metal Water
Pitcher and Pair of Matching
Beakers

Mark of Tiffany & Co., New York, Circa 1878 Estimate: \$30,000 - 50,000



Lot 32
A Silver and Enamel Punch
Bowl and Ladle

Mark of Whiting MFG. Co., New York, Circa 1897 Estimate: \$30,000-50,000



Lot 63
A Carved Pine Ship's
Figurehead of a Young
Woman

Attributed To William Rush (1756-1833), Philadelphia, Circa 1809 Estimate: \$30,000-50,000



Lot 44 **Bill Traylor** (1854-1949)

Two Women in Orange, Two Men in Blue, 1939-1942

graphite, colored pencil and blue and black tempera on repurposed card 25 7/8 x 15 in.

Estimate: \$50,000-80,000



Lot 49

James Castle (1899-1977)

Untitled Construction

found paper and card, string, thread and soot and spit

17 ¾ x 8 ½ in.

Estimate: \$40,000-60,000



Lot 47

Melvin Way (b. 1954)

Untitled (Paramount Transdescence)
ink on paper encased in transparent tape 10 5/8 x 6 ¾ in.

Estimate: \$2,000-4,000



Lot 58
George Widener (b. 1962)
Cipher, 2013
mixed media on pieced paper
24 x 37 ¾ in.
Estimate: \$15,000-30,000

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New York

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20 Sep, 10am (Lots 1 - 186)

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