

CWA Co. Charles A. Whitaker Auction Company Couture, Vintage Fashion, Textiles & Jewelry Auction

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 15 & 16 AT 10AM

Preview: Thurs. April 14, 12-6 PM & Fri. and Sat. 8-10AM

Location: New Hope Eagle Fire Co. New Hope, PA 18938

The Largest Collection of Charles Fredrick Worth & Maison Worth garments ever offered at auction!

This season's two-day auction will feature institutional property from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of the City of New York, The Indianapolis Museum of Art, Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT), a Southern Institution, a California Museum, Shippensburg State University, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), The Valley Forge Historical Society, other local historical societies, institutions, private collectors and estates.

We strongly encourage prospective buyers, textile historians and historical costume lovers to attend both auction days. There will be a tremendous volume of exciting costume from all periods on both days. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to add an important designer piece to your private or institutional collection. There will be several Charles Worth gowns offered on Friday that will not be photographed or available online. The property being offered from the MET & MCNY is a costume time capsule of *America's Gilded Age*. It is the **best of the best**, and in some cases will include not only the museum provenance but the donor provenance as well, including the Astor and J.P. Morgan families. There will be fabulous beadwork, trim and lace to be harvested from some pieces not in the best condition. There will be something for every collector at every price level. Please plan to attend, if only to see how the real 1% dressed.

Additionally the "Un-cataloged or Discovery Sale" will be at the conclusion of the catalog sale on FRIDAY not Saturday as in the past. The Friday sale will NOT be available for online bidding.



19th & Early 20th C Clothing: Over 40 Charles Worth and Maison Worth garments, small collections of Regency and Empire period gowns, spencers, fabulous wedding dresses. Important Paris and American designers: A. Felix, Jeanne Hallee, Henriette Tissier, Thellier, Duval & Egan, Mrs. C. Donovan. A rare 1860's beetle wing embroidered dress, lace, beaded and sequined garments, etc.

20th Century Couture & Designer Clothing: Rare and Important Charles James "Tree" Ballgown, c. 1952, from the MET a collection of 35+ Christian Dior garments 1962-1996 including dresses from Wallace Simpson, (Duchess of Windsor), Couture Schiaparelli in Dognin Tulle, collection of Stavropoulos. Designer garments from Adrian, Beene, Chanel, Courreges, Ferre, Gaultier, Gernreich, Mme. Gres, Hermes, Kelly, Lacroix,

McQueen, Moschino, Norell, Oldham, Pucci, Rhodes, de la Renta, Rucci, Valentino, YSL and more.

Accessories & Jewelry: Beaded handbags, Leiber minaudieres, collection of figural hat stands, glam rock platform boots, export shawls, Wiener Werkstatte, Louis Vuitton, Asprey travel case, etc. Fashion illustrations from the fashion editor of *The Los Angeles Times*, with designs by Lagerfeld for Chanel, de la Renta, Valentino, Manolo Blahnik, etc.

Ethnographic & Textiles: Asian, Middle Eastern, European and American textiles and embroidery including: suzani, palampore, linens, paisley shawls, batiks, quilts, oriental carpets, fabric swatches and samples, lace. A pair of large Frank Lloyd Wright curtain panels, South American/ Mexican Colonial needlework, collection of modern thangkass, etc.

Any items pictured in this ad or on website will be sold Saturday April 16

Additional information, catalogs and 100's of photos: www.whitakerauction.com or 215-817-4600