

Quality Furniture for Less

Moving into a new apartment or home today is a difficult and expensive process. After the stress of a housing search, cleaning a new space, and unpacking boxes, it's difficult to find the time and resources to furnish a new home. Worse yet, many affordable furniture options from big retailers are constructed of increasingly flimsy, low-quality materials and often require replacement within the first few years. Your grandparents turned out to be right when they said, "Things just aren't built like they used to be."

Luckily quality options from years past are still available at Michaan's Annex Auctions. Every month, we sell hundreds of gently used furniture pieces, each featuring a unique and

beautifully crafted design that will last decades longer than the modern alternative. Better yet, gently used furniture from Michaan's Auctions regularly sells at much lower prices than in-store options.

In this series, we will highlight a few examples of furniture and other home goods recently sold at Michaan's Annex Auction and compare them with their supposed equivalent from a retailer such as IKEA, Wayfair, and Target.



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Annex Highlights

The first item offered at Michaan's Auctions December Annex Sale was a **Renaissance Style Mahogany Dining Table and Buffet**, which was Lot 865 in the sale. The dining and side table set sold for \$358, an approachable price when compared to options from Wayfair or IKEA, which have comparable pieces beginning at \$1,000, which only includes the dining table! These tables sold at Michaan's Auctions not only beat



the big retail options on price but also far exceed the quality of new pieces. The Renaissance Style Mahogany Dining Table and Buffet features beautiful mahogany wood, with a velvety dark stain and intricately carved legs. The table also is enhanced by a beveled edge with contrasting grain, while the buffet table also features detailed carving work on its doors. The tables are both in excellent condition, and come with multiple leaves, allowing the table to be expanded, as well as a protective cover.

Also offered at Michaan's Auctions December Annex Sale was a **Pair of Modern Open Armchairs** as Lot 1597. Selling for \$65, this pair of chairs is an incredible deal when compared to the competition, at IKEA \$65 would allow you to purchase two wooden folding chairs, or conversely, a single plastic bucket chair. Meanwhile, at Michaan's Auctions, the Modern

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Open Armchairs feature a sleek, contemporary design, with a well-constructed and painted wooden trim. This beautiful accent is complemented by sturdy canvas upholstery to minimize stains and tears, as well as considerable padding. While the chairs feature a few minor imperfections on the trim due to previous use, the padding and upholstery are in good shape, and the chairs will continue to provide outstanding service over the coming years.

Finally, Michaan's Auctions was proud to offer Lot 1597, a **Georgian Style Mahogany Five Drawer Dresser** during our December Annex Sale. Selling for \$65, this dresser far exceeds the quality and design of options from both retail storefronts and online “lay-flat” furniture dealers. This dresser is constructed of solid wood, in contrast to the particle board more

common amongst retail options and is of considerably larger size. This allows not only for increased storage but also a premium feel, which is matched by the fine hardware beveled top surface and the dresser’s carved feet. This dresser does have some surface imperfections present on the top surface, but otherwise, the cabinet is in exceptional shape and will continue to function as intended for years to come.



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As you can see, Michaan's Auctions Annex Sales can offer a higher quality item for a lower price than major retailers. Registration and bidding are intuitive processes and can be done 100% online! You don't even need to watch the auction, simply submit an absentee or online bid, and check back at the end of the sale to see if you've won the item.

The January Annex Auction is being held Monday, January 15th;

Tuesday, January 16th; and Wednesday, January 17th. This venue gives collectors a wide variety of jewelry, fine art, decorative arts, furniture, Asian art, stamps, and coins to choose from. The auction includes over 2,500 lots, most estimated under \$300.

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