

Quality Furniture for Less



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

Welcome to our blog series which highlights some of the great finds available at Michaan's Auctions monthly Annex Auctions. 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 big retail option such as IKEA, Wayfair, and others.

Luckily quality options from years past are still available at Michaan's

the modern alternative. Better yet, gently used furniture from Michaan's Auctions regularly sells at much lower prices than in-store options.

Annex Highlights

The first set of chairs we're highlighting from Michaan's April Annex Auction is a **Set of Four Victorian Style Chairs and Oval Side Table with Split Reed Cane**, which sold for \$78 as Lot 1886 in the sale. This lot features four intricately

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woven reed chairs, each with braided armrests and green cushions that cover the seat and backrest. Also included in the lot is a two-level oval side table featuring interlaced bands and strong full cane construction which is not only durable but beautifully designed. This set would be a perfect fit for a sunroom or even a living room with a matching design and lends an air of sophisticated leisure to any home.

This set also represents a remarkable deal in comparison to options from big box retailers such as IKEA or Target. A comparable chair from IKEA, the Holmsta, is priced at \$219 each, and when you add the Baxton Studio Ratten End Table from Target, the total for the set is easily brought to over \$1,000. Despite this vast price difference, the set from Michaan's Auctions features weaving of a much more sophisticated level than the mass-

produced items and includes cushions to further increase the comfort and practicality of the furniture.

The second item I'd like to highlight from Michaan's Auctions is a **Queen Ann Style Studded Black Leather Wing Chair**, which sold for \$234 in our April Annex Auction. This chair is upholstered in beautiful black leather that covers the entirety of the chair, held in place by premium metal



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studs that run along the winged back. The arms curve outward, matching the arch of the wings, and contrast nicely with the squared-off edges and backs of the cushion. The feet are carved from wood, adding a distinguished quality to the design while matching the style of the rest of the chair. The chair is in good condition overall, with some signs of use which give the chair a distinguished and lived-in look rather than the impression of being worn or overused.

Options from big box retailers are not only significantly more expensive, but they are unable to match the excellent quality of items available at Michaan's Auctions. Take, for example, the Anapatricia Genuine Leather Armchair, available on Wayfair for the overwhelming sum of \$1,549. On price alone, this purchase would be hard to justify, as it sells for over six times the price of the Michaan's Auctions

alternative. Despite this vast difference in price, it appears to be a nearly identical item, albeit brand new rather than the conditioned leather present here, and requires assembly upon delivery, whereas the chair from Michaan's Auctions is ready to be picked up from our showroom floor and placed in your kitchen.

Next Sale

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 May Annex Auction is being held Monday, May 13th; Tuesday, May 14th; and Wednesday, May 15th. This

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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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