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**ON SEPTEMBER 10, TURNER AUCTIONS + APPRAISALS
PRESENTS THE MARTIN & LEE RUBIN COLLECTION OF ART GLASS**

Live Online Sale Features 115+ Lots Amassed Over 40 Years

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, AUGUST 18, 2017 – Turner Auctions + Appraisals is pleased to present the Martin & Lee Rubin Collection of Art Glass on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 10:30 am PDT. Important pieces from the collection were initially offered recently at Bonhams, where a number of works realized tens of thousands of dollars. Now Turner Auctions + Appraisals is featuring over 115 lots of this extensive collection, which includes sculpture, vases, bowls and figurines. Several other art glass works, including R. Lalique and Daum, are also included in this sale.

Amassed over 40 years, the Rubin Collection focuses on Italian art glass, with some American examples as well. Martin Rubin began his collection by buying small glass artworks from galleries near his home in Athens, Ohio. An academic and lecturer in philosophy at Ohio University, Mr. Rubin later started a small record store on campus, the Audio Buff Company, which grew to become a nationwide distributor to music libraries. His wife Lee, who shared his collecting passion, worked in health and human services in Pennsylvania and Ohio, where she is listed in the state's Hall of Fame.

Building their collection together, they made several trips to Murano, Italy; became acquainted with gallery owners in the U.S. and around the world; and made friends with the glassmakers themselves – and famed glassblower Lino Tagliapietra, in particular. As a result, according to their son David Rubin, their very colorful home in Arizona was like a museum, filled with hundreds of art glass works, sculpture and paintings.



Turner Auctions + Appraisals begins its online auction on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 10:30 am PDT; sale items can be previewed online now until the sale starts. The sale will be featured on four platforms: LiveAuctioneers, Invaluable and eBay, and Turner Auctions + Appraisals' new, free mobile app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Apps ("Turner Auctions"). All are easily accessed through 'Upcoming Auctions' at the company's website: www.turnerauctionsonline.com/upcoming-auctions/.

Here are some highlights of the upcoming sale (see details in the online catalog):



Lot 2: Italian Art Glass. Height: 13 inches. Estimate: \$200-400. (Photo, top left)

Lot 8: Italian Art Glass. Longest diameter: 15 inches. Estimate: \$300-500. (Photo, top right)



Lot 11: Italian Art Glass. Longest example

length: 20 inches. Estimate: \$500-700. (Photo, bottom left)



Lot 12: Italian Art Glass. Height: 8 inches. Estimate: \$150-250. (Photo, bottom right)

Lot 6: Italian Art Glass. Height 11-1/2 inches. Estimate: \$300-500. (Photo: Page 1)



Lot 13: Art Glass: Height: 20-1/4 inches. Estimate: \$500-700.
(Photo, right)



Lot 112:
Italian Art Glass.
Tallest example height: 10-3/4 inches.
Estimate: \$100-200.
(Photo, left)



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ABOUT TURNER AUCTIONS + APPRAISALS

Based in South San Francisco, Turner Auctions + Appraisals was founded by Stephen Turner to complement and expand the capabilities of Stephen G. Turner Associates, an auction and appraisal consulting firm founded in 2004. Turner Auctions + Appraisals presents online auctions in diverse categories of personal property (www.turnerauctionsonline.com). Among them are Fine Arts, Decorative Arts, Asian Arts, Toys, Jewelry, Militaria, Ethnic Arts and others. The company offers a range of auction and appraisal services for buyers, sellers and collectors. Online auctions are held several times a month. Working with leading live and online auction houses on the West Coast since 1991, Stephen Turner is a professional appraiser of personal property and seasoned auctioneer. His areas of expertise include fine art, decorative arts, antiques & residential contents. The company welcomes consignments and appraisals.

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