

Garth's Orchestrates Spring Specialty Auction Around Rare Music Box Collection

In the nineteenth century, long before CD players, computers and video games, the only self-playing form of musical entertainment was the music box. Whether a person owned a large free-standing parlor model or a smaller table top version, these beautifully crafted pieces of precision machinery provided a way for the average citizen to fill their homes with the beauty of classical, as well as contemporary, music whenever they desired.

On April 21, 2006 Garth's Auctions will offer a glimpse back into this period when they sell the collection of the late Edward and Florence Hutchins. Highlights of the music box collection include a Regina model 35 parlor music box with a leaded and stained glass door, a Regina model 33 and a Nicole Freres rare overture/piano forte format table top music box in a rosewood case decorated with marquetry inlay of ivory, bouble, mother-of-pearl, enamels and brass. Also offered will be an 1895 Mermod Freres Ideal Soprano and a Knabe Parlor Grand player piano in a burl walnut case.

Musical novelties will include carved Black Forest whistlers, an automaton whistling bird in a cage, singing bird boxes and musical snuff boxes including a F. LeCoultre.

For other collectors there will be several Currier & Ives large folios including Pigeon Shooting, Wild Duck Shooting, Wood Cock Shooting, Quail Shooting, Snipe Shooting & Partridge Shooting. Also available are large folios from the American Life series including Pleasures of Winter, Summers Evening and October Afternoon.

Furniture in the sale will include an English mahogany Grandfather's clock, Victorian items such as a turtletop dog table and hanging parlor lamps and a contemporary Le Grand Select enamel parlor stove.

A special session at the end of the auction will be made up of LGB garden trains and accessories as well as Lionel engines and cars.

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