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Online Silent Auction

In conjunction with the Good Omens Gala

Happiness and prosperity are in your future. . . .

Inspired by the good omens found in the *Falnama*, the Freer and Sackler Galleries invite you to participate in an auction of luxury goods. Proceeds from the auction will fund a museum fellowship in the arts and culture of Iran. Guests may bid on a selection of items donated by Empress Farah Pahlavi and Princess Yasmine Pahlavi, as well as beautiful books, delicate porcelain, and treasures from the French luxury houses of Hermès, Van Cleef & Arpels, and Cartier. Please peruse the offerings in this Auction Guide to plan your bids, and heed the omens in the *Falnama* to add good fortune to your future!

Falnama Package #1: Selections from the Personal Collection of Empress Farah Pahlavi

- An array of books, jewelry, and clothing from the collection of Empress Farah Pahlavi.

Extolled for her dedication to the art and culture of Iran, Empress Farah Pahlavi has generously contributed works from her personal collection.



Item #1 ***Kalaghi from Kurdistan*** by Shadi Parand

Estimated value: \$1,500.00

Minimum bid: \$1,000.00

This luxurious dress, designed by Shadi Parand, is lined with silk and painted by hand. Shadi Parand's modern designs draw inspiration from traditional Persian art, motifs, and techniques. After launching her career in Paris and New York, Parand has been a successful fashion designer in Iran for more than ten years. Her designs are worthy of the Empress's closet, and now they can be a part of yours.

Item #2 Darius Wristwatch
Estimated value: \$500.00
Minimum bid: \$300.00

Designed for the Empress, this Swiss-made Darius watch features an Italian leather band and stainless steel construction. Diamonds surround the face and mark the hours, and a crown accents the face.



Item #3 Signed Copies of the Empress's
Books
Estimated value: \$165.00
Minimum bid: \$100.00

This sampling of books, thoughtfully selected by Her Imperial Majesty, includes *Paradise Lost: Persia from Above* by Georg Gerster; *Different Sames: New Perspectives in Contemporary Iranian Art*, edited by Hossein Amirsadeghi; and *An Enduring Love: My Life with the Shah* by Empress Farah Pahlavi. The Empress will sign copies for the lucky winners at the end of the Gala evening.

FSG is grateful to Empress Farah Pahlavi for her generous support.

Falnama Package #2: Fanciful Porcelain from Studio Klimenkoff

- A selection of four handcrafted creations from Porcelain Studio Klimenkoff

Choose your favorite piece or consult the ***Falnama*** to help in your decision. It might tell you to collect them all. . . .

Porcelain Studio Klimenkoff, founded in 2003 and located in Moscow, specializes in producing one-of-a-kind handcrafted porcelain objects. The highly skilled artisans who create these beautiful pieces are leading a renaissance in decorative porcelain by reviving hand painting and gilding techniques.



Item #1 Porcelain Flower Arrangement (F 127)
Estimated value: \$1,850.00
Minimum bid: \$1,000.00

This delicate piece composed of porcelain lilacs and carnations took two weeks to create. The artists disassembled real flowers and analyzed their construction before sculpting this three-dimensional porcelain arrangement.

Item #2 Porcelain Vide Poche (F 453 H)
Estimated value: \$500.00
Minimum bid: \$250.00

Item #3 Porcelain Vide Poche (E 130)
Estimated value: \$500.00
Minimum bid: \$250.00

Item #4 Porcelain Vide Poche (E 117)
Estimated value: \$500.00
Minimum bid: \$250.00

After he visited Dubai, Igor Klimenkoff, founder of Porcelain Studio Klimenkoff, created the hand-painted designs on each of these *vide pochés*. His fascination with the traditions and culture of this part of the world inspired the colors and motifs on each tray.

Note: Each porcelain tray comes with a certificate of authenticity and is marked with a unique number.

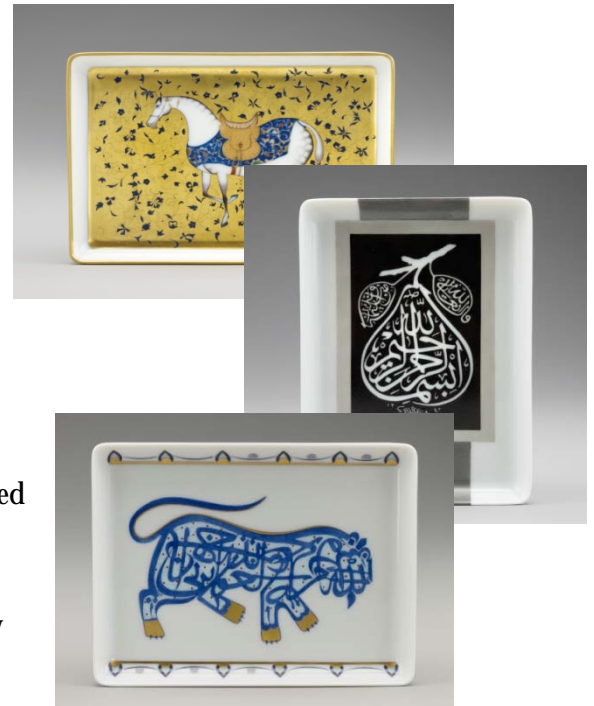
FSG is grateful to Porcelain Studio Klimenkoff for its generous support.

Falnama Package #3: Van Cleef & Arpels Gift Certificate

- Van Cleef & Arpels Gift Certificate
Estimated value: \$500.00
Minimum bid: \$400.00

Renowned for its expertise with precious stones, the French jewelry firm of Van Cleef & Arpels has provided a gift certificate that may be redeemed at the Boutique Van Cleef in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

FSG is grateful to Mrs. Fariba Jahanbani and Boutique Van Cleef Chevy Chase for their generous support.



Falnama Package #4: Hermès Decorative Porcelain

- Hermès Decorative Porcelain Ashtray with Persian horse motif
Estimated value: \$620.00
Minimum bid: \$300.00

The great French fashion house Hermès offers a decorative porcelain ashtray from its newest collection. This boldly painted dish, decorated with a Persian horse, will brighten any table!

FSG is grateful to Hermès for its generous support.

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Contemporary Iranian Art



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Falnama Package #5: *Different Sames*
By Hossein Amirsadeghi

- Book on contemporary Iranian art edited by Hossein Amirsadeghi
Estimated value: \$75.00
Minimum bid: \$50.00

Hossein Amirsadeghi has donated a copy of ***Different Sames: New Perspectives in Contemporary Iranian Art***, which offers a new perspective on today's art scene in Iran.

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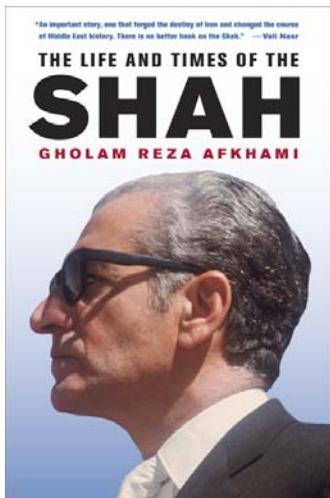
Falnama Package #6: Cartier Tank Desk Clock

- Limited Edition Cartier Anniversary Clock
Estimated value: \$1,300.00
Minimum bid: \$650.00

Will it be yours? Time will tell!

This beautifully finished tank desk clock by the renowned French jeweler and watchmaker was created in limited quantities for the centennial anniversary of Cartier. This clock, with its polished palladium-finish case, silver-brushed dial, and quartz movement, will add functionality and elegance to any office.

FSG is grateful to Mrs. Fariba Jahanbani and Cartier Boutique, Chevy Chase, for their generous support.



Falnama Package #7: *The Life and Times of the Shah*
By Gholam Reza Afkhami

- A Biography of Mohammad Reza Shah by Gholam Reza Afkhami
Estimated value: \$40.00
Minimum bid: \$30.00

Gholam Afkhami has donated his latest book, ***The Life and Times of the Shah***. This biography is an insider's account of the life and times of Mohammad Reza Shah, who ruled from 1941 to 1979. Gholam Afkhami will sign the book for the lucky winner at the end of the Gala evening.

FSG is grateful to Gholam Afkhami for his generous support.

Falnama Package #8: Selections from the Collection of Princess Yasmine Pahlavi

- An array of jewelry and books from the collection of Princess Yasmine Pahlavi

Through her foundation, Princess Yasmine Pahlavi has dedicated her career to improving the health and quality of life of Iranian children. She has generously donated jewelry and books to support the Galleries' Year of Iran. Choose one or collect them all!

Item #1 Arthus-Bertrand Zephyr Watch
Estimated value: \$100.00
Minimum Bid: \$75.00

Arthus-Bertrand, founded in Paris in 1803, is known for its skilled artisans who create beautiful medals and decorations. This watch was made for Princess Yasmine Pahlavi and is embossed with the king's crown.

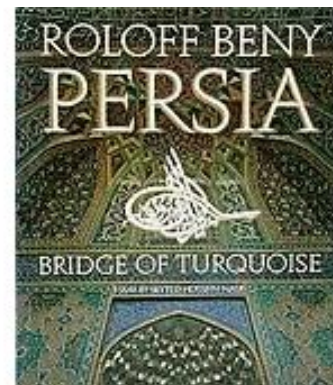


Item #2 Diamond Head USB Key
Estimated value: \$200.00
Minimum Bid: \$150.00

The French luxury house of S.T. Dupont created this unique USB key for Princess Yasmine Pahlavi. It features the emblematic diamond head pattern of S.T. Dupont and is engraved with the king's crown.

Item #3 Selection of Rare Books by Roloff Beny
Estimated value: \$300.00
Minimum bid: \$150.00

Princess Yasmine Pahlavi contributed a selection of books written by Roloff Beny from her personal library. Mr. Beny approaches each new book as a "total work of art," and his beautiful creations have earned him many awards. ***Persia: Bridge of Turquoise*** (1975) and ***Iran: Elements of Destiny*** (1978) are both extremely rare and would be tasteful additions to any home library.



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