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Charleston's Calhoun Mansion Contents To Be Auctioned In New Orleans

New Orleans, LA—The contents of Charleston South Carolina's Calhoun Mansion recognized as one of the greatest collections of 19th century European and American furniture, paintings and decorative arts assembled in the South will be auctioned in New Orleans October 4-5, 2003.

According to Neal Auction Company Sr. Vice-President Neal Alford, the collection of Gedney Howe III is one of the very few of its kind in the south.

Alford said, "We are honored to handle this important collection. The material is very well-known and because of the rarity of the objects the sale has piqued the interest of museums, art historians, antique dealers and private collectors, especially those from the Charleston area."

Among the important pieces to be auctioned:

A Monumental Italian Carrara Marble Sculpture, "Amore and Psyche," signed and dated "Alba 1887."

A highly important Italian Mahogany and Parcel Gilt Secretaire by Luigi Frullini, signed and dated "Firenze 1874."

A pair of Paris Porcelain Vases. c. 1810

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William Woodward (American, 1859-1939), "Ursuline Convent, New Orleans," 1902, Rafaelli oil crayon on board.

A fine Regency Sterling Silver Centerpiece, 1816, by Paul Storr.

The Calhoun Mansion, 14-16 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina, is a monument to the vision of three men: George Walton Williams, who built it in 1876; Patrick Calhoun, who commissioned Louis Comfort Tiffany to redesign the interior in 1910; and Gedney Howe III, who rescued it from near-collapse in 1976 and restored it to jewel-like perfection.

Howe spent a decade repairing and strengthening the structure, meticulously maintaining the level of detail and using the same types of material as the original construction. The Calhoun Mansion, as restored and furnished by Gedney Howe III was unsurpassed in scope and detail as a depiction of Italianate and Victorian styles.

This unique Italianate Neoclassical inspired house features a drawing room, music room, two great halls, library and sitting rooms, all filled with over 20 examples of important marble statuary, several Aubusson parlor suites, fine 17th, 18th and 19th century paintings. Also included in the collection are Sevres porcelain, period lighting, bronzes, and a Steinway grand piano.

Neal Auction Company has achieved international recognition as the South's pre-eminent antique auction gallery. Record setting sales attract hundreds of buyers to the spacious gallery located in the heart of New Orleans' prestigious Uptown neighborhood. Neal Auction Company has a twenty year history of record prices for American furniture, paintings, Newcomb College pottery, silver and decorative arts. The Neal Company gallery is the premiere auction venue for the sale of 18th through 20th century Southern paintings in the Southern region of the United States.