

## **ANA Selects Bowers and Merena For Official Auctions in 2005 and 2006**

(Colorado Springs, Colorado & Irvine, California) - Bowers and Merena Auctions will be the official auctioneer for two upcoming American Numismatic Association conventions.

Selected earlier this year as the official auctioneer for the ANA National Money Show in Kansas City, Missouri, April 18-10, 2005, the firm was also chosen by the ANA Board of Governors to handle the auction for the organization's World's Fair of Money\* in Denver, August 16-20, 2006.

"ANA auctions have been eagerly supported by collectors and dealers over the years," said Christopher Cipoletti, ANA Executive Director. "With the help of auction companies like Bowers and Merena, we not only provide a marketplace service to buyers and sellers, but generate important funding to promote the hobby through educational outreach programs as well."

According to president, Steve Deeds, his firm realized nearly \$12.8 million from nearly 5,300 lots during the 2003 ANA sale in Baltimore.

"Over the years, Bowers and Merena -- a Spectrum Numismatics subsidiary of Greg Manning Auctions, Inc.-- has handled hundreds of millions of dollars worth of coins for tens of thousands of consignors, including libraries, historical societies and government agencies, as well as consignments from individuals and estates," Deeds said.

"We will be actively seeking great coins for these auctions, beginning with the Kansas City sale," he said. "We're looking for choice, rare and interesting United States coins in all series, from colonials to silver dollars and double eagles, certified or uncertified. We offer immediate cash payments or advances on auction consignments."

More information about consigning to either ANA auction is available by calling Bowers and Merena at (800) 458-4646, and ask for Steve Deeds or Reid Wolf.

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