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Subject: Conservation Estimate for Poker Alice FRAME

Hello Michael,

As discussed, I am writing to provide you with additional information regarding the conservation of the FRAME for the Poker Alice painting.

I want to reiterate that we cannot provide a firm cost estimate until we have physically seen the frame and completed a full examination. However, based on the photographs and condition report you have provided, treatment of the frame is likely to cost approximately \$14000. Please note, this is calculated at our member rate (non-member rate would be closer to \$16000). Information on MACC membership can be found on our website. The savings on this project alone is worth the cost of membership.

This estimated treatment cost includes surface cleaning, structural repair of the frame rails, filling areas of loss including replication of lost ornamentation, and gilding/toning/inpainting fills to match the existing surface finish. New hanging hardware will also be added if appropriate.

Packing/Shipping: Ideally, the frame would be packed and transported by an art shipping company. However, there are few in the region so it may be cost prohibited. Many times, well packed artwork is shipped to us via FedEx Custom Critical. FedEx or UPS can also be used, but they are not always very careful. One thing to consider, how you get it here is one thing: but packing and shipping will be more critical for the return after conservation. One option is to pack in pieces and ship here via FedEx, and then we can work with a local company to have a custom crate made for return shipment. Note: cost of shipping and any crates we coordinate are NOT covered in the estimated cost above.

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If you choose to pack or build a crate on your own: the crate should be large enough to accommodate the frame after treatment. Each section of rail should be individually wrapped to lessen the risk of abrasion between elements. Bubble wrap or Ethafoam sheet would work - sometimes the plastic saran/shrink wrap works well to hold it in place. Do not let any tape come in contact with the rails themselves. Be sure to include any small pieces that have broken off as we can find their original location and reattach. If you have more questions when preparing to pack/ship, don't hesitate to ask.

Timeline/Procedure: Once the frame arrives at MACC, a conservator will write a full treatment proposal that outlines the condition, proposed treatment steps, and includes a firm cost. We will send this proposal to you for approval. Once approved, the frame will go into our project queue. Currently, we have a full slate of projects lined up for the winter/early Spring. Due to the size and extent of damage, it is likely that treatment will not be completed until mid-Fall 2023. However, we will do our best to get an early start - remember that we cannot provide any firm completion date until we have a signed proposal in hand.

If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Best,
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