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An exhibition and sale of one of the most important groups of Afshar rugs, bags and trappings ever assembled, including select rugs from other private collections.

Exhibition Preview: October 22nd–29th Opening Reception: Saturday, October 22nd, 5:30–9:00.

Refreshments will be served and live jazz will be swinging!



Afshar, Persia. Mid 19th c. 3' 5" x 4' 4"

Published: "Oriental Rugs from Pacific Collections", Murray L. Eiland, 1990. Page 79, plate #46.

During the 19th century, the central medallion format, complete with complimentary corner pieces, was generally a design of large, formal workshop carpets. The nomadic weaver of this Afshar rug was inspired by the classic layout, but transformed it with her native, vibrantly colorful aesthetic. She dispensed with the classical formality, and instead focused on the purity of naturally derived color and added charmingly drawn animals to roam the indigo field. This rug exemplifies the true spirit of Afshar weaving.

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