Ornate clocks up for auction



There won't be any tick allowed when this

ornate period clock, being shown off by John Maconie, manager of Cordy's fine art auctioneers, comes up for sale this month.

The entire estate of the late Auckland clock collector William Angus will go under the hammer on May 23 and 24.

The famed horologist's collection is drawing world-wide attention and the auction is expected to lure major overseas buyers to Auckland.

Cordy's director Erika De Atzel said the Angus clock collection dated back to the 17th century and included a Charles II period basket-top bracket clock and a Louis XV period walnut and ormolu bracket clock by French clockmaker Burgeat.

Other features of the collection are 17th and 18th-century lantern clocks, French carriage

clocks, American shelf clocks and Victorian skeleton clocks.

Angus also had an impressive range of gold and silver pocket watches as well as some seafaring instruments, said Mrs De Atzel.

The second day of the sale will be devoted to the contents of Angus' house, including chinaware, paintings and Victorian walnut furniture.