



Goodies

Name your price



I'll just get my dad to buy me the painting!



In mid-November last year, an auction house sold a painting titled *Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures)*, created by the artist David Hockney. The price was US\$90.3 million (HK\$706 million), making it the most expensive painting by an artist still alive. But artworks by late old masters, like Leonardo da Vinci, usually sell at even higher prices. So what are the most expensive paintings in the world? It is time to find out!

I think they should be in museums for everyone to admire!





A costly work of art

ARTWORKS by famous artists, living or dead, usually **fetch** a high price. Here are a few of the most expensive paintings in the world.

Interchange, Willem de Kooning

THIS was painted around 1955, and was sold at around US\$300 million (HK\$2.3 billion) in 2015. It is an **abstract** painting, meaning it does not show anything in the real world. It is **privately** owned, but on loan to the Art Institute of Chicago (芝加哥藝術博物館) and displayed there.



Salvator Mundi, Leonardo da Vinci

THIS was painted around 1500 and shows Jesus Christ giving a **blessing**. Sold at US\$450 million (HK\$3.52 billion) in 2017, the art piece is currently on **display** at the Louvre Abu Dhabi (阿布達比羅浮宮) in United Arab Emirates (阿拉伯聯合酋長國).



The Card Players, Paul Cezanne

SHOWING people playing cards in Paris, this was painted around 1892-93 and privately sold at US\$250 million (HK\$1.9 billion) in 2011. It is in the Post-Impressionist (後印象派的) style, meaning the painting is about real things and people but they are not shown realistically. The artwork is owned by the **royal** family of Qatar (卡塔爾).



Nafea Faa Iopipo (When Will You Marry?), Paul Gauguin

PAINTED in 1892, this artwork shows two Tahitians (大溪地人) going about their day. This piece was sold at US\$210 million (HK\$1.6 billion) in 2014, also to Qatar's royal family. The artwork's style is Post-Impressionist as well, and Gauguin painted many other art pieces of Tahitians.



▲ The Louvre at Abu Dhabi



▲ The Art Institute of Chicago



Who painted the *Mona Lisa*?

A. Michaelangelo B. Picasso C. Leonardo da Vinci

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