

Under the hammer: record art auctions

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"Nu Couché(sur le cote gauche)" by Amedeo Modigliani is seen during a Sotheby's preview of the May Evening Sale of Impressionist and Modern Art, in New York

At \$157.2 million, a painting by Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani has become the fourth most expensive work of art sold at auction.

The exact value of private sales are often not revealed. But a Willem de Kooning [painting](#) and a Gauguin were reportedly sold separately for \$300 million each in 2015, according to US media.

Below is a list of the 10 most expensive art works ever sold at an auction. All are paintings and all were sold in New York, the capital of the global art market.

1. Leonardo da Vinci's "Salvator Mundi" or "Savior of the World," sells for \$450.3 million at Christie's in November 2017.
2. Pablo Picasso's "The Women of Algiers (Version O)" fetches \$179.4 million at Christie's in May 2015.
3. Amedeo Modigliani's "Nu couche" of a reclining naked woman draws \$170.4 million at Christie's in November 2015.
4. Modigliani's "Nu couche (sur le cote gauche)," another [work](#) from his series of nudes, sells for \$157.2 million at Sotheby's in May 2018.
5. Francis Bacon's triptych "Three Studies of Lucian Freud" sells for \$142.4 million at Christie's in 2013.
6. Edvard Munch's pastel "The Scream," fetches \$119.9 million at Sotheby's in 2012.
7. Picasso's "Young Girl With a Flower Basket" sells for \$115 million at Christie's in May 2018.
8. Jean-Michael Basquiat's 1982 "Untitled" sells for \$110.5 million at Sotheby's in May 2017.
9. Picasso's "Nu au plateau de sculpteur" ("Nude, Green Leaves and

Bust") lures \$106.4 million at Christie's in May 2010.

10. Andy Warhol's "Silver Car Crash (Double Disaster)," sells for \$105.4 million at Sotheby's in November 2013.

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