

Most expensive artworks

Francis Bacon's *Three Studies of Lucian Freud* has become the most expensive artwork ever sold at auction after six minutes of fierce bidding at Christie's New York drove its sale price to \$142.4 million



Triptych considered one of Bacon's greatest masterpieces

ARTWORKS SOLD AT AUCTION

Sale Year Price (\$)

1	Francis Bacon	<i>Three Studies of Lucian Freud</i> (1969)	2013	142.4m
2	Edvard Munch	<i>The Scream</i> (1895)	2012	119.9m
3	Pablo Picasso	<i>Nude, Green Leaves and Bust</i> (1932)	2010	106.5m
4	Alberto Giacometti	<i>Walking Man I</i> (1961)	2010	104.3m
5	Pablo Picasso	<i>Boy with a Pipe</i> (1905)	2004	104.1m

PRIVATE SALES

1	Paul Cézanne	<i>The Card Players</i> (1893)	2011	269.4m
2	Jackson Pollock	<i>Number 5</i> (1948)	2006	162.7m
3	William De Kooning	<i>Woman III</i> (1953)	2006	159.8m
4	Pablo Picasso	<i>The Dream</i> (1932)	2013	155.9m
5	Gustav Klimt	<i>Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I</i> (1907)	2006	155.8m