

Long-lost €6m artwork up for auction

An early Renaissance masterpiece by the Florentine painter Cimabue, discovered in an elderly woman's kitchen in a town near Paris, could fetch up to €6m (\$6.5m) when it goes to auction

"Christ Mocked"

25.8cm x 20.3cm
Tempera on poplar panel

Woman had hung painting above kitchen hotplate at house in Compiègne

She had artwork valued, believing it to be religious icon



Compiègne

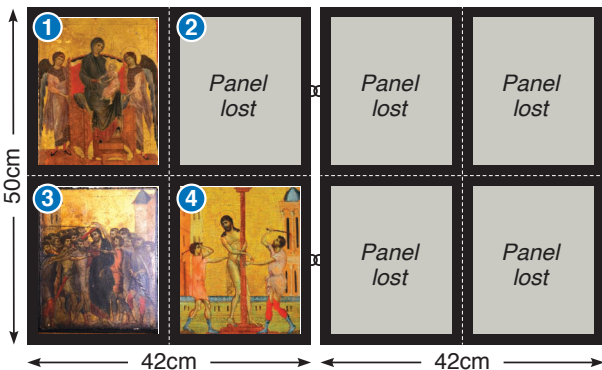


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Painting will go under hammer at **Actéon** auction house in Senlis, near Compiègne, on Oct 27

Painting thought to be part of polyptych – larger work of eight scenes depicting Christ's Passion and crucifixion – dating from 1280. *Reconstruction of diptych* ▼



Cimabue ▲

(1251-1302)

Also known as **Cenni di Pepo** is widely recognised as father of Western painting

1 *The Virgin and Child Enthroned with Two Angels*

Purchased by National Gallery, London, in 2000

2 *The Kiss of Judas* Lost

3 *Christ Mocked*

Found in Compiègne in 2019

4 *Flagellation of Christ*

Purchased by Frick Collection, New York, in 1950