



► *Please Note:* . We will gladly assist you in the use of our reference collection, which includes sales and auction catalog indexes and price guides for collectible items. However, the staff of the Architecture & Fine Arts Library cannot engage in questions about valuation, attribution or authentication of specific works of art, nor recommend individual appraisers for works of art.

## ART SALES INDEXES

Because works of art may be sold at auction, using auction records is one way to find information about the value of works by particular artists. There are several different indexes to auction sales. You may need to look at more than one year to find sales references to a particular artist.

**Art Sales Index.** AFA Reference (latest edition) N 8670 .A65

Contains over 100,000 sales results from 1,800 auctions per season. Covers over 27,000 artists who work in painting, drawing, and sculpture.

**Mayer <Catalog>.** AFA Reference (latest edition) N8640 .I5

Contains over 120,000 sales results from over 800 auction houses worldwide. Media covered includes prints, drawings, watercolors, paintings and sculpture.

**Icollector Art Price Guide (database)** <http://www.icollector.com/artlib>

The Art Price Guide contains more than 1,000,000 auction records of sales from auction houses in 40 countries from 1987 to 1997. The coverage is international with listings on more than 100,000 artists.

## AUCTION CATALOGS and INDEXES

Auction houses, such as Sotheby's and Christie's, publish sales catalogs in advance of auction sales. These catalogs contain reproductions of items to be auctioned, as well as information about particular art works. The Architecture & Fine Arts Library has a collection of **Sotheby's Auction Catalogs**. They are arranged by auction date and can be found at this call number: **N 8650 .S55**. Sales results, published post-auction, are kept in a binder at the AFA Library Service Desk.

**SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sales Catalogs** is a database that describes art auction and rare book catalogs for sales from the late sixteenth century to scheduled auctions not yet held. Records include the dates and places of sales, the auction houses, sellers, institutional holdings, and titles of art works. SCIPIO is updated daily. Access to SCIPIO is available via Eureka. To connect, go to the **AFA Library Home Page** <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/afa>. From the **Databases** Menu, choose **SCIPIO**.

## PRICE GUIDES

Price guides give a general overview of current market value for a variety of collectibles. Here are a few examples:

**Kovels' antiques & collectibles price list.** AFA Reference NK1125 .A39

**Miller's picture price guide.** AFA Reference N8670 .M55

**Miller's collectibles price guide.** AFA Reference NK1125 .M455

**Miller's international antiques price guide.** AFA Reference NK1133 .M53

**Official price guide to antiques and collectibles.** AFA Reference NK1125 .L74x 1996