

with us some people who are important to him.

What Makes Art Great?

Artworks are bought and sold every day in our world, and every few months some work makes news because of its high price at auction. Though a handful of private sales have taken place at unverified higher amounts, at the time of writing, one of the versions of Edvard Munch's *The Scream* holds the record for a public auction price, \$119.9 million (see fig. 21.35 for another, similar version). Generally speaking, however, the art market and art auctions can tell us only what a certain group of collectors