APPRAISING A WORK OF ART

The Art Institute of Chicago does not appraise works of art. Listed below is just a sample of organizations and Chicago-area businesses involved in appraisals. The Art Institute of Chicago does not endorse any particular appraisal organization or business and has no information about the quality of service provided by the entities listed below.

Professional Appraiser & Dealer Societies

1) American Society of Appraisers - www.appraisers.org

To find an appraiser who specializes in your type of object and is in your area contact the national office (1-800-ASA-VALU; 1-800 272-8258), email the ASA (asainfo@appraisers.org), or search the ASA web site.

2) Appraisers Association of America - www.appraisersassoc.org

The Appraisers Association of America provides a similar service. Call (212-889-5404) or email the AAA (AAA1@RCN.COM) for information on how to receive a referral to an appraiser.

3) Art Dealers Association of America - www.artdealers.org

The Art Dealers Association of America makes appraisals for tax purposes only — for donations to non-profit organizations or for estate tax valuations. For other types of appraisals the ADAA will either refer you directly to an ADAA member or another professional appraisal association. Call (212) 940-8590 or email the ADAA (ADAA@ARTDEALERS.ORG) for more information.

Chicago-Area Auction Houses and Appraiser services

For a fee, all auctioneers listed below provide written appraisals for insurance, estate tax, and charitable donations.

1) Leslie Hindman Appraisal Services

Leslie Hindman
1338 W. Lake
Chicago, IL 60607
Tel: (312) 280-1212
Fax: (312) 280-1211
www.lesliehindman.com

No fee auction estimates by appointment only. Please contact the Leslie Hindman office for additional information.

2) Susanin’s Evaluation Day & Appraisal Services

Susanin’s
900 S. Clinton
Chicago, IL 60607
Tel: (312) 832-9800
(888) SUSANINS
Email: info@susanins.com
www.susanins.com
Free auction estimates given during open evaluation day (Discovery Day) every other Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Walk-in service. Limit of eight (8) items. Please call ahead for more information and to confirm that a Discovery day will be held. Works of all types or photographs of works will be examined.

3) Christie's Appraisal Services

Christie’s Fine Art Auctioneers
875 North Michigan Avenue
Suite 3810
Chicago, IL 60611

Tel: (312) 787-2765
Fax: (312) 951-7449
WWW.CHristIES.COM

No fee auction estimates will be provided for clients who complete a short questionnaire and submit clear color photographs. Please contact the Christie’s office in Chicago for additional information. To have property examined in person appointments are necessary.

4) Sotheby's Appraisal Services

Sotheby's Chicago
188 E. Walton
Chicago, IL 60611

Tel: (312) 475-7900
Fax: (312) 664-5295
WWW.SOtheBYS.com

No fee auction estimates by appointment only are provided for clients who submit clear color photographs and relevant documentation. Please contact the Sotheby’s office in Chicago for additional information.

5) John Toomey Gallery

John Toomey Gallery
818 North Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60301

Tel: (708) 383-5234
Fax: (708) 383-4828
WWW.TREADWAYGALLERY.com

No fee auction estimates provided for clients who submit clear color photographs and relevant documentation either via email (INFO@JOHNTOOMEYGALLERY.COM) OR MAIL.

6) MIR Appraisal Services, Inc.

307 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 308
Chicago, IL 60601

Tel: (312) 814-8510
Fax: (312) 814-8511
WWW.MIRAPPRAISAL.COM

Local appraiser service offering appraisals for a fee.

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