

# TEFAF Maastricht remains quieter but stand-out sales continue as Van Gogh sells for around €12m

Monday in Maastricht at TEFAF was a quieter experience as visitor numbers (anecdotally) remained down into the second week of the art and antiques fair.

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Monday morning at TEFAF Maastricht 2020.

Although many dealers reported their major clients had not attended due to concerns around the spread of the coronavirus, a number of significant sales were recorded.

Dickinson reported the sale of its Vincent Van Gogh painting for around €12m-€15m to a private collector.

*Peasant Woman in front of a Farmhouse (Paysanne devant une chaumière)* from 1885 has a fascinating back story having been bought for just £45 in the 1960s in the UK.

The sale value is thought to be the highest yet at this edition of the fair.

Emma Ward, Dickinson's managing director, said the deal had been agreed subject to the usual AML (anti-money laundering) due diligence and contracts. She added: "We have seen some US museums and collectors here. We are pleasantly surprised, given all the concerns, with how well the fair has gone thus far."



Featuring a mysterious, concealed message, this ring was offered for a price in the low six figures at the stand of Les Enluminures where it sold on the event's opening days.

A diamond cluster ring with a locket, c.1670-80 was among the sales at Les Enluminures. The gold, enamel and diamond piece, offered for a price in the low-six figures, is believed to be a special commission as the interior lid is engraved with a portrait of a young man with long hair and jabot. Also within is a little figure of a man with a rope across his shoulders and an oversized rose at his knee. It has been interpreted either as a memorial or a wedding ring.

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