



Japan

The death in March of Ryohei Saito, who stunned the art world in 1990 with his record-breaking purchases of a van Gogh and a Renoir for \$82.5 million and \$78.1 million, respectively, symbolized the fall of "big" Japanese collectors. They made a huge art investment in the

CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT **Soichiro Fukutake**, **Yoko Shizue Masuda**, and **Kenji Shimoda**; Nakagawa's *Yu Yu Jiteki*, by an anonymous Chinese artist; Masuda's *Big Head* by Niki de Saint-Phalle.



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1980s, but many of those thousands of Impressionist paintings and other works that were brought into the country during the 1980s are now, like Saito's paintings, in storage and may leave Japan if they can find buyers.

Many of the collectors on this year's list have been collecting for a long time and were hardly affected by the downturn in the art market. Some of them rose to prominence

by focusing their attention on less-popular areas, such as Pop art, Conceptual art, and Asian contemporary art. Yoko Shizue Masuda, for example, concentrates on Niki de Saint-Phalle.

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Kenzo Nakagawa HIROSHIMA <i>Grain dealing</i>	Chinese contemporary art
Fumitoshi Nakamura KAGAWA <i>Chemical manufacturing (rubber)</i>	Contemporary Japanese art
Seijiro Nakano YAMAGATA <i>Sake brewery</i>	Korean ceramics

Soichiro Fukutake
OKAYAMA *Publishing*

Contemporary art

Taro Fukutomi
TOKYO *Nightclubs*

Ukiyo-e prints; contemporary Japanese art

Toshio Hara
TOKYO *Forestry and forestry products*

Contemporary art

Ken Hayashibara
OKAYAMA *Biochemical industry*

Japanese antiquities

Hikonobu Ise
TOYAMA *Egg production*

Impressionist, modern, and contemporary art

Kan-ichiro Ishibashi
TOKYO *Tire manufacturing*

Impressionist art

Katsumi Kawamura
TOKYO
Chemical production (ink)

Impressionist, modern, and contemporary art

Tsuguto Kitano
TOKYO *Construction*

Contemporary Japanese art

Toshio Kitazawa
TOKYO *Manufacturing (industrial machinery)*

Contemporary Nihon-ga; Art Nouveau glass

Yoko Shizue Masuda
TOKYO *Construction*

Contemporary art, particularly Niki de Saint-Phalle

Michimasa Murauchi
TOKYO
Furniture retailing

Impressionist and modern art

Minoru Narukawa
KANAGAWA *Finance*

Contemporary Japanese art

Kaichiro Nezu
TOKYO *Railways*

Japanese and Chinese antiquities

Mitsuo Nonogawa
KOMAKI and NAGOYA
Cosmetics

Impressionist art

Eiji Okawa
GUNMA *Supermarkets*

Contemporary Nihon-ga

Kotaro Ono
FUKUI
Industrial manufacturing

Modern art, particularly Maurice Utrillo; contemporary Japanese art; ceramics

Kenji Shimoda
TOKYO *Home appliances*

Contemporary Japanese art

Tsukasa Shishima
FUKUOKA *Banking*

Modern and contemporary art

Sakon So
TOKYO *Writing*

Jomon Ware (pottery)

Masahiro Takano
TOKYO *Taxi company*

Modern art, particularly Marie Laurencin

Hiroshi Teshigahara
TOKYO
Film directing and flower-arranging school

Modern and contemporary art

Toru Toguri
TOKYO
Construction

Japanese ceramics