



121. The artistic world, the art market

Sarah: Are you an art lover Wentworth?

W: Yes, definitely. Actually my grandfather was a noted art collector in his youth.

Sarah: really? Was he an artist himself?

W: Well, he studied in an art college and was very skilled in drawing and engraving. But he quickly realised that he's rather help up-and-coming artists to exhibit their works. So he created an art gallery in the 50's. He actually promoted and did patronage for a few contemporary artists who became quite famous afterwards. He was really talented to value an artwork becoming a masterpiece.

Sarah: It's more than talent here, it's being gifted! I am amazed to hear that! I wanted to offer you to join me to a young artist's preview on Friday, but I guess you'd rather go to an auction right?

W: Not at all! I'd be glad to discover a new artist, is he a friend of yours?

Sarah: yes, and he's very good in his style. He's doing sculpture and modelling.

W: Well, that promises to be very interesting. Moreover my wife was working for an art dealer in Canada, do you mind if I bring her with me?

Sarah: not at all, "the more, the merrier" as it is said!

GLOSSARY:

The artistic world: le monde de l'art	An art lover : un amateur d'art
The art market : le marché de l'art	A noted art collector : un éminent collectionneur d'œuvres d'art
To study : étudier	The youth : la jeunesse
To be skilled : être compétent	An artist: un artiste
To draw: dessiner / drawing: le dessin	Art college: école des Beaux-Arts
To engrave: graver / engraving: la gravure	Up-and-coming artists: des artistes prometteurs
To exhibit: exposer	A work: une oeuvre
To create: créer	An art gallery: une galerie d'art
To promote: promouvoir	The 50's : les années cinquante
To become: devenir	Patronage: le mécénat
To be talented: être talentueux	Contemporary artist: un artiste d'art contemporain
To value: estimer, expertiser	Quite famous: assez célèbre
To be gifted: être doué	Afterwards: par la suite, ensuite
To be amazed: être étonné	An artwork: une oeuvre d'art
To join: se joindre à	A masterpiece : un chef-d'oeuvre
To discover : découvrir	Talent : le talent
To promise : promettre	A gift : un don
To bring : amener	A preview : un vernissage
	An auction : une vente aux enchères
	A style : un style
	Sculpture : sculpture
	Modelling : modelage
	An art dealer : un marchand d'art
	The more, the merrier: plus on est de fous