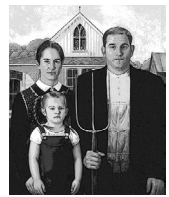


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The Legend of Art

Recently my husband and I went to see the movie "I am Legend," starring Will

Smith.

The premise of the movie is that Will Smith, a scientist, is the only human being alive and is living alone in New York City. What we find out is that he is not alone, and that there are zombie, vampiristic type of creatures who have some resemblances to humans, due to a cancer vaccine gone wrong.

The story is about how Will Smith tries to exist and understand these nightmares of beings, and tries to save the human race.

There really wasn't a lot of dialogue in the movie, which made the visual aspects even more meaningful. I looked for clues in the background when the scene panned Will Smiths home.

I found it wonderful he collected fine art in the movie. Not just any art but art by the great masters.

In his living room there was a Van Gogh landscape. In another room there was a portrait of a girl by Modigliani, and another room there was a painting of a Monet.

I was so thrilled to find out that "Yes, he got it!" If he was going to be the last man on Earth at least he could acquire a remarkable art collection.

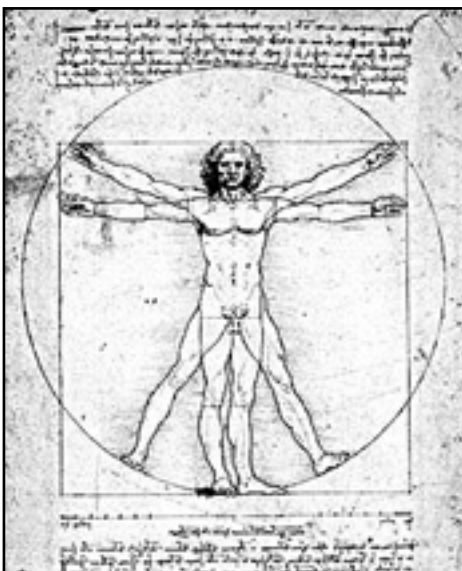
These paintings are worth many millions. I can only guess how he was able to acquire these pieces.

But nonetheless, he had the great sense to surround himself with beautiful things that inspired him.

Which made me think, if I were the last person living in the world, what piece(s) of art would I want to have in my house.

I did an entirely unscientific survey of some some local art collectors:

Jack Dzvurcik, Cedar Lake: I know I'd like to have Leonardo DaVinci's portfolio of the human form. Something to remember the history of humans.



Kelly and Rocky Frederick, St. John: The Sistine Chapel because of the historical significance. I would love to have sculpture as well. The Kiss, by Auguste Rodin; The Pieta by Michelangelo; The Mona Lisa by Leonardo DaVinci; I would also want to surround myself with a Kandisky, as well as Andy Warhol and Phillip Pearlstein because they are from my home state of Pennsylvania. I'd love to have a Jean Michael Basquait, and an early work from Salvador Dali.



Shawn Kristen Reynolds, Schererville: The Land of Make Believe, Ecstasy, and Adam and Eve all by Maxfield Parrish. His peacefulness and soft colors are what I like most.



Darlene Sever, Crown Point: I love the French artist Toulouse Lautrec – I saw the movie of Moulin Rouge in the 1950's which told the story of the artist. My favorite piece of art would have to be Marcelle Lender, Dancing the Bolero by Lautrec.



Sherron Pampalone, Crown Point:

I would have to have a Monet because I visited his real life garden in Giverny, France. Flowers have meant so much to me as an artist in my own work in my porcelain painting, as well as in your fiber works.

Paul Gauguin for his colors and forms; Vincent Van Gogh, Starry Night and the Irises, because of their emotional energy and color vibrancy.



Sandy Dalkilic, Crown Point: Georges Seurat's Sunday Afternoon on the Island of the Grand-Jatte, because it reminds me of the wonderful beauty of the past century.



Julie Manfredo, Crown Point: Frederic Remington's painting of Apache Scouts Listening.



What pieces of art would you want in your home if you were the last person on Earth?

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