

## new online database American Art (Smithsonian)

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New online database:  
the Pre-1877 Art Exhibition Catalogue Index  
Smithsonian American Art Museum

<http://www.siris.si.edu/saam.htm>

What is the best source for answers about American art?

For thirty years, the Smithsonian American Art Museum has helped the curious public and scholars find information about American paintings and sculptures by developing research resources on more than 500,000 artworks. Now, many of these resources are available online to millions of researchers worldwide.

The newest online resource, which debuted June 1 at [www.siris.si.edu/saam.htm](http://www.siris.si.edu/saam.htm), is the Pre-1877 Art Exhibition Catalogue Index. By compiling and digitizing nearly 137,000 records from more than 1,000 of America's earliest auctions, and exhibitions in the United States and Canada, the Museum puts a wealth of never-before-accessible early history about American art at the user's fingertips.

Users can search the database by artist, title, subject, media, type of object, provenance (owner at time of exhibition), catalogue titles or exhibition venue. Keyword or alphabetical browse searching is provided.

For further information about any of the Smithsonian American Art Museum's comprehensive art research databases, contact us at:

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