

Exhibition attendance figures 2008

Japanese treasures draw astounding crowds in Nara and Tokyo

But other institutions became wary of blockbuster shows

LONDON. For regular readers of *The Art Newspaper*, it will probably come as no surprise that a Japanese show once again tops our annual survey of most visited exhibitions. The country's massive exhibition halls can accommodate thousands of visitors at a time—a feat that its western counterparts simply cannot match.

The Nara National Museum, located 850 kilometres west of Tokyo, not only tops our 13th annual survey with a display of items from Shoso-in, the imperial treasure house of the Todai-ji Temple, but also sets a new record of attendance with a staggering 17,926 visitors per day (as a comparison, the Metropolitan Museum of Art's show, "Gustave Courbet" drew in 4,741 daily visitors). Over a two-and-a-half week period, the museum offered the public a rare view of objects housed within the imperial repository which is not open to the public. Established in the eighth century, the core of the treasury consists of items once belonging to Emperor Shomu (701-756).

This is the third year that Japan heads our list of most visited exhibitions, with another four of the top ten shows from Japanese institutions. Similar to last year, the country's top museums drew crowds with displays of Asian art or work by Asian artists. The Tokyo National Museum, which has held the top slot since 2004, ranks second with a display of national treasures from the Yakushi-ji Temple which attracted an average daily attendance of an astounding 12,762 people. In third, and one of only three western institutions to break into the top ten, is the Grand Palais Nave in Paris, a 13,500 sq. m exhibition hall which reopened in 2005 after a 12-year renovation. The Nave

saw an average of 10,357 people per day for a display of digital art including film, videos and installations staged to mark the end of France's presidency of the European Union.

But apart from the Nave, Paris could not repeat the figures achieved in 2006 when it played host to five of the 20 highest ranking shows. That year, all eyes were on the French capital which mounted blockbuster exhibitions such as "Klimt, Schiele, Moser and Kokoschka" at the Grand Palais.

In 2008 it was the closure of Paris's Musée National Picasso for refurbishment that helped catapult Madrid's Reina Sofia to the top of the ratings (see box p28). A large-scale exhibition of Van Gogh's works at the Albertina resulted in the Viennese museum achieving the country's highest ranking show.

Once again the Met and the Museum of Modern Art did well in the US, dominating the New York's top ten (see box p31) with shows including Dalí and Courbet. The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art also realised high numbers with exhibitions of Lee Miller and Frida Kahlo, drawing in more than 4,000 people daily.

However, blockbusters are clearly not the answer for everybody and certainly not a museum's *raison d'être*. For some in 2008, a blockbuster proved both a critical and commercial success—the British Museum's "Terracotta Warriors" show being a prime example. But others like the Dallas Museum of Art have resorted to offering discounts for its high-profile touring King Tut exhibition in response to the current economic crisis.

Meanwhile, some are following a middle line. Tate Britain had a rare year in 2007 with its hugely successful Holbein and



Yakushi-ji Temple Treasures

Hogarth shows, each bringing in more than 2,000 people per day. Last year's Millais exhibition achieved respectable visitors figures, yet failed to break a daily attendance of 1,500. Although the museum is mounting fewer blockbusters, visitor numbers are certainly a concern as it recently cancelled its 2010 Johann Zoffany show for fear it would not attract the desired 80,000 people.

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Figures compiled by Richard Hore, Estella G. Shardlow and Alex Stoilas

Daily	Total	Exhibition	Venue	City	Dates
17,926	263,765	60th Annual Exhibition of Shoso-in Treasures	Nara National Museum	Nara	25 Oct-10 Nov
12,762	794,909	National Treasures from Yakushi-ji Temple	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	25 Mar-8 Jun
10,357	145,000	Images in the Night	Grand Palais Nave	Paris	18-31 Dec
9,531	326,784	Duelling Geniuses: Highlights of Japanese Artists	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	8 Jul-17 Aug
8,735	308,213	Treasures by Rinpa Masters	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	7 Oct-16 Nov
7,101	547,810	Collection of the Musée National Picasso, Paris	Reina Sofia	Madrid	5 Feb-5 May
6,725	268,058	Kaii Higashiyama: a Retrospective	National Museum of Modern Art	Tokyo	29 Mar-18 May
6,624	449,483	Dalí: Painting and Film	Museum of Modern Art	New York	29 Jun-15 Sep
6,571	393,322	Martin Puryear	Museum of Modern Art	New York	4 Nov 07-14 Jan
6,535	521,871	Home Delivery	Museum of Modern Art	New York	20 Jul-20 Oct
6,339	223,671	Yokoyama Taikan: Fifty Years On	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	23 Jan-3 Mar
6,202	589,180	Van Gogh	Albertina	Vienna	5 Sep-8 Dec
6,135	379,523	Take Your Time: Olafur Eliasson	Museum of Modern Art	New York	20 Apr-30 Jun
5,696	576,901	Superheroes: Fashion and Fantasy	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	7 May-1 Sep
5,573	349,524	Splendour at France's Royal Court	Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum	Tokyo	25 Jan-6 Apr
5,536	437,327	Goya in Times of War	Museo Nacional del Prado	Madrid	13 Apr-13 Jul
5,490	560,000	Babylon: Myth and Truth	Pergamonmuseum	Berlin	26 Jun-5 Oct

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TOTAL MUSEUM ATTENDANCE 2008

Total	Museum	City	Total	Museum	City	Total	Museum	City
8,500,000	Louvre	Paris	1,661,308	Museum of Fine Arts Houston	Houston	1,080,000	Altes Museum	Berlin
5,930,000	British Museum	London	1,619,369	Tate Britain	London	1,060,575	Royal Ontario Museum	Toronto
4,964,061	National Gallery of Art	Washington	1,553,951	Galleria degli Uffizi	Florence	1,033,187	Royal Academy of Arts	London
4,950,003	Tate Modern	London	1,542,800	Kunsthistorisches Museum	Vienna	1,005,328	National Portrait Gallery	Washington
4,821,079	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	1,510,000	Shanghai Museum	Shanghai	997,739	Albertina	Vienna
4,441,734	Vatican Museums	Rome	1,474,816	Van Gogh Museum	Amsterdam	977,085	Museum of Fine Arts	Boston
4,382,614	National Gallery	London	1,462,000	Pinacothèque	Paris	970,000	Rijksmuseum	Amsterdam
2,981,000	Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville	Paris	1,444,828	Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum	Glasgow	951,369	Guggenheim	Bilbao
3,025,141	Musée d'Orsay	Paris	1,397,463	Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	923,653	SFMOMA	San Francisco
2,900,157	Museum of Modern Art	New York	1,389,000	Musée Quai Branly	Paris	892,295	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington
2,759,029	Museo Nacional del Prado	Madrid	1,387,972	Tretyakov Gallery	Moscow	881,156	Queensland Gallery of Modern Art	Brisbane
2,750,000	*Centre Pompidou	Paris	1,358,186	Palazzo Ducale	Venice	856,789	Philadelphia Museum of Art	Philadelphia
2,475,323	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	1,350,000	Art Gallery of New South Wales	Sydney	838,307	LACMA	Los Angeles
2,359,600	State Hermitage Museum	St Petersburg	1,298,000	Pergamonmuseum	Berlin	822,701	National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)	Melbourne
2,244,284	National Palace Museum	Taipei	1,236,348	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	807,283	Österreichische Galerie Belvedere	Vienna
2,137,992	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	1,234,321	Galleria dell'Accademia	Florence	766,000	Dallas Museum of Art	Dallas
2,065,300	Victoria and Albert Museum	London	1,224,000	Grand Palais	Paris	759,585	Nara National Museum	Nara
1,860,772	De Young Museum	San Francisco	1,200,000	Guggenheim Museum	New York	759,347	Walker Art Center	Minneapolis
1,843,266	National Portrait Gallery	London	1,142,600	Smithsonian American Art Museum	Washington	754,963	Musée Rodin	Paris
1,818,202	Reina Sofia	Madrid	1,088,504	Tate Liverpool	Liverpool	753,225	Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza	Madrid
1,727,000	Moscow Kremlin Museums	Moscow	1,084,692	National Museum of Western Art	Tokyo	745,000	Musée du Luxembourg	Paris

Methodology

All figures were calculated automatically by our database, which computes the number of days an exhibition was open using the following formula: total number of days between start date and end date, divided by seven, multiplied by the number of days per week the institution is open, minus exceptional closures. As this formula always produces an imperfect number (a division of seven) all figures are out by a potential margin of 2%. However, as the same margin applies uniformly to all averages given, the list represents a fair comparison.

All data used was supplied by the institutions concerned. Many institutions have one ticket for the entire museum and cannot provide individual attendance for temporary exhibitions. Some institutions offer a number of

exhibitions for a single ticket: these are shown as one entry.

Institutions with more than one building were asked to provide separate figures for each venue. For example, the National Gallery of Victoria provided figures for the NGV International (822,701) and the NGV Ian Potter Centre (723,307) and the Queensland Art Gallery supplied figures for the Art Gallery (571,181) and for the Gallery of Modern Art (881,156). Institutions that could not supply separate figures, such as the Scottish National Galleries, were excluded from this portion of the survey.

* Note: Centre Pompidou has changed the way it reports its figures. Using its new method, last year's figures for the gallery would have been 2.7m, not 5.5m.

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5,427	324,874	Georges Seurat: the Drawings	Museum of Modern Art	New York	28 Oct-07-7 Jan
5,271	823,000	The Legacy of Giotto	Galleria degli Uffizi	Florence	10 Jun-8 Dec
5,239	324,040	Colour Chart	Museum of Modern Art	New York	2 Mar-12 May
5,177	480,000	Courbet	Grand Palais	Paris	13 Oct-07-28 Jan
5,137	348,578	Design and the Elastic Mind	Museum of Modern Art	New York	24 Feb-12 May
5,050	312,390	Picasso from the Musée National Picasso, Paris	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	4 Oct-14 Dec
4,772	306,741	The Art of Lee Miller	SFMoMA	San Francisco	1 Jul-14 Sep
4,741	216,033	Gustave Courbet	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	27 Mar-18 May
4,649	422,422	Frida Kahlo	SFMoMA	San Francisco	14 Jun-28 Sep
4,627	388,628	From Russia	Royal Academy of Arts	London	26 Jan-18 Apr
4,626	408,407	Modigliani and his Times	Thyssen-Bornemisza/Fundación Caja	Madrid	5 Feb-18 May
4,550	336,710	Ancient Olympic Sports and Art	Shanghai Museum	Shanghai	30 Apr-12 Jul
4,525	341,935	Hahn & Netzhammer/Logan Collection	SFMoMA	San Francisco	10 Jul-5 Oct
4,489	385,412	Kirchner and the Berlin Street	Museum of Modern Art	New York	3 Aug-10 Nov
4,434	407,304	Chihuly at the de Young	De Young Museum	San Francisco	14 Jun-28 Sep
4,233	363,449	From Berlin to New York: Karl Nierendorf	Guggenheim Museum	New York	26 Jan-4 May
4,217	286,173	Corot: Memories and Variations	National Museum of Western Art	Tokyo	14 Jun-31 Aug
4,190	850,619	The First Emperor: China's Terracotta Army	British Museum	London	13 Sep-07-6 Apr
4,186	424,000	The Workshop of Alberto Giacometti	Centre Pompidou	Paris	17 Oct-07-11 Feb
4,180	286,608	Babylon	Louvre	Paris	14 Mar-2 Jun
4,124	142,000	Richard Serra: Promenade	Grand Palais Nave	Paris	7 May-15 Jun
4,086	344,389	Cai Guo-Qiang/Everything is Museum	Guggenheim Museum	New York	22 Feb-28 May
4,078	657,801	Jeff Koons on the Roof	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	22 Apr-26 Oct
4,063	321,919	National Treasures from the Horyuji Kon-do	Nara National Museum	Nara	14 Jun-21 Jul
4,035	232,849	Splendour at France's Royal Court	Kobe City Museum	Kobe	26 Apr-7 Jul
3,984	260,117	Modigliani and Primitivism	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	26 Mar-9 Jun
3,988	50,676	Tribute to Robert Rauschenberg	Guggenheim Museum	New York	22 Oct-5 Nov
3,889	40,553	2007 Japan Media Arts Festival	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	6-17 Feb
3,870	219,510	Imageless: the Study of an Ad Reinhardt Painting	Guggenheim Museum	New York	11 Jul-14 Sep
3,793	429,685	Juan Muñoz: a Retrospective	Guggenheim	Bilbao	27 May-5 Oct
3,781	1,096,473	Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs	O2 Millennium Dome	London	15 Nov-07-30 Aug
3,777	304,830	Louise Bourgeois/A Life in Pictures	Guggenheim Museum	New York	27 Jun-28 Sep
3,760	464,576	The Louvre in Quebec: the Arts and Life	Musée des Beaux-Arts	Montréal	5 Jun-26 Oct
3,760	445,638	Borderline	Guggenheim	Bilbao	20 May-5 Oct
3,709	259,626	7th Shanghai Biennale	Shanghai Art Museum	Shanghai	8 Sep-16 Nov
3,651	238,352	The Venus of Urbino: Myth and Images	National Museum of Western Art	Tokyo	4 Mar-18 May
3,639	259,424	J.M.W. Turner	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	1 Jul-21 Sep
3,554	430,000	Arcimboldo	Musée du Luxembourg	Paris	15 Sep-07-13 Jan
3,525	263,907	Edvard Munch: the Decorative Projects	National Museum of Western Art	Tokyo	6 Oct-07-6 Jan
3,494	575,503	Surreal Things	Guggenheim	Bilbao	29 Feb-7 Sep
3,468	321,500	Marie Antoinette	Grand Palais	Paris	15 Mar-30 Jun
3,463	285,473	Zilvinas Kempinas, Alyson Shotz, Mary Temple	SFMoMA	San Francisco	1 Aug-4 Nov
3,397	157,718	Treasures from the Knoke Family Collection	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	2 Jan-24 Feb
3,380	155,475	Ancient Chinese Figure Painting	Shanghai Museum	Shanghai	31 Jan-16 Mar
3,368	182,354	Renoir + Renoir	National Museum of Modern Art	Kyoto	20 May-21 Jul
3,330	277,353	The Renaissance Portrait	Museo Nacional del Prado	Madrid	3 Jun-7 Sep
3,245	83,915	Japan Fine Art Exhibition	Osaka Municipal Museum of Art	Osaka	23 Feb-23 Mar
3,060	269,275	Colour as Field: American Painting, 1950-75	Smithsonian American Art Museum	Washington	29 Feb-26 May
3,054	219,424	Lucian Freud: the Painter's Etchings	Museum of Modern Art	New York	16 Dec-07-10 Mar
3,053	542,085	A Rooftop Garden for SFMoMA	SFMoMA	San Francisco	3 Apr-26 Oct
3,030	260,609	Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist	Smithsonian American Art Museum	Washington	9 May-3 Aug
3,029	179,556	Vilhelm Hammershøi: the Poetry of Silence	National Museum of Western Art	Tokyo	30 Sep-7 Dec
3,003	279,265	Muraqqa': Imperial Mughal Albums from Dublin	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	3 May-3 Aug
2,991	208,116	Titian and the Sensuality of Painting	Kunsthistorisches Museum	Vienna	18 Oct-07-6 Jan
2,988	472,055	Chinese Paintings with Literary Themes, Part II	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	9 Feb-27 Jul
2,982	301,214	Obata's Yosemite	Smithsonian American Art Museum	Washington	22 Feb-1 Jun
2,978	206,319	Ferdinand Hodler	Musée d'Orsay	Paris	13 Nov-07-3 Feb
2,957	258,921	Masterworks from the Elise S. Haas Collection	SFMoMA	San Francisco	24 Apr-3 Aug
2,941	450,000	The Soldiers of Eternity: the Warriors of Xi'an	Pinacothèque	Paris	15 Apr-14 Sep
2,933	212,436	The Best of the Best	Detroit Institute of Arts	Detroit	23 Nov-07-2 Mar
2,923	248,000	Louise Bourgeois	Centre Pompidou	Paris	5 Mar-12 Jun
2,922	263,776	Richard Prince: Spiritual America	Guggenheim Museum	New York	28 Sep-07-9 Jan
2,906	242,000	Traces of the Sacred	Centre Pompidou	Paris	7 May-11 Aug
2,902	243,758	Yellow Mountain: China's Landscape	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	31 May-24 Aug
2,898	218,174	Dürer and Cranach	Thyssen-Bornemisza/Fundación Caja	Madrid	9 Oct-07-6 Jan
2,897	365,060	Edward Hopper	National Gallery of Art	Washington	16 Sep-07-21 Jan
2,804	240,751	Art Deco, 1910-39	National Gallery of Victoria	Melbourne	28 Jun-5 Oct
2,780	204,960	Cranach the Elder	Städel Museum	Frankfurt	23 Nov-07-17 Feb
2,767	589,309	Perspectives: YZ. Kami	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	15 Mar-13 Oct
2,765	619,433	Tea for Everyone: Japanese Ceramics	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	8 Mar-19 Oct
2,748	173,505	2008 Whitney Biennial	Whitney Museum	New York	6 Mar-1 Jun
2,733	410,000	Darwin: the Evolution Revolution	Royal Ontario Museum	Toronto	8 Mar-4 Aug
2,723	386,667	Earth and Sky: Barbara Bosworth	Smithsonian American Art Museum	Washington	20 Jun-11 Nov
2,698	231,995	John Alexander: a Retrospective	Smithsonian American Art Museum	Washington	21 Dec-07-16 Mar
2,695	626,397	Solomon's Gift	Guggenheim Museum	New York	14 Apr-07-9 Jan
2,681	213,749	Foto: Modernity in Central Europe, 1918-45	Guggenheim Museum	New York	12 Oct-07-13 Jan
2,665	245,159	Serpentine Gallery Pavilion by Frank Gehry	Serpentine Gallery	London	20 Jul-19 Oct
2,663	246,163	Julie Mehretu: City Sitings	Detroit Institute of Arts	Detroit	23 Nov-07-30 Mar
2,661	250,140	Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Award	Queensland Gallery of Modern Art	Brisbane	11 Jul-12 Oct
2,626	99,394	National Treasures of Miidera Temple	Osaka Municipal Museum of Art	Osaka	1 Nov-14 Dec
2,620	243,668	Modern Ruin	Queensland Gallery of Modern Art	Brisbane	12 Jul-12 Oct
2,612	224,592	Gordon Bennett	Queensland Gallery of Modern Art	Brisbane	10 May-3 Aug
2,611	117,498	Damen Hirst: For the Love of God	Rijksmuseum	Amsterdam	1 Nov-15 Dec
2,595	75,998	120th Anniversary of Kawanabe Kyosai	Kyoto National Museum	Kyoto	8 Apr-11 May
2,576	396,650	Literary Themes in Chinese Paintings, Part I	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	28 Jul-07-13 Jan

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2,571	185,094	Picasso's Self-portraits	Suntory Museum of Art	Tokyo	4 Oct-14 Dec
2,569	244,044	Hadrian: Empire and Conflict	British Museum	London	24 Jul-26 Oct
2,543	194,322	Frida Kahlo	Philadelphia Museum of Art	Philadelphia	20 Feb-18 May
2,520	263,925	The Lupa and the Sphinx	Museo di Castel Sant'Angelo	Rome	11 Jul-9 Nov
2,516	203,798	The Cinema Effect, Part II	Hirshhorn Museum	Washington	19 Jun-7 Sep
2,453	203,612	Yang Fudong, Cao Fei and Ou Ning	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	6 Sep-30 Nov
2,452	237,851	J.M.W. Turner	National Gallery of Art	Washington	1 Oct-07-6 Jan
2,433	228,689	Millais	Van Gogh Museum	Amsterdam	15 Feb-18 May
2,417	168,185	Roman Art from the Louvre	Seattle Art Museum	Seattle	21 Feb-11 Jan
2,387	155,817	Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	30 Oct-07-13 Jan
2,385	139,012	Otto Dix: Portrait of Hugo Erfurth	Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza	Madrid	11 Mar-18 May
2,384	417,286	Potter's Mark: Tea Ceramics/Art of the Edo Period	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	18 Aug-07-24 Feb
2,371	182,244	Jeff Wall	SFMoMA	San Francisco	27 Oct-07-27 Jan
2,361	236,132	Over the Top: American Posters from World War I	Smithsonian American Art Museum	Washington	26 Oct-7-3 Feb
2,357	355,851	Prints from Hopper to Pollock, 1905-60	British Museum	London	10 Apr-7 Sep
2,353	360,070	Edo Masters from the Price Collection	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	10 Nov-07-13 Apr
2,349	180,561	Joseph Cornell: Navigating the Imagination	SFMoMA	San Francisco	6 Oct-07-6 Jan
2,320	234,008	Douglas Gordon	SFMoMA	San Francisco	27 Oct-07-24 Feb
2,313	207,541	New Work: Lucy McKenzie	SFMoMA	San Francisco	9 Nov-07-24 Feb
2,311	258,855	Black Box: Kimsooja	Hirshhorn Museum	Washington	28 Apr-17 Aug
2,291	157,772	Corot: Memories and Variations	Kobe City Museum	Kobe	13 Sep-7 Dec
2,284	162,799	Bernini and Baroque Portrait Sculpture	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	5 Aug-26 Oct
2,260	79,763	Glenn Brown	Kunsthistorisches Museum	Vienna	22 Apr-1 Jun
2,257	261,835	Amy Sillman: Third Person Singular	Hirshhorn Museum	Washington	13 Mar-6 Jul
2,255	240,994	Olafur Eliasson: Your Tempo	SFMoMA	San Francisco	8 Sep-07-13 Jan
2,239	251,724	Cézanne & Giacometti: the Paths of Doubt	Louisiana Museum of Modern Art	Humblebaek	20 Feb-29 Jun
2,221	188,818	Edward Hopper/Watercolours by Winslow Homer	Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	16 Feb-10 May
2,219	316,952	Take Your Time: Olafur Eliasson	SFMoMA	San Francisco	8 Sep-07-24 Feb
2,216	194,966	The Cinema Effect, Part I	Hirshhorn Museum	Washington	14 Feb-11 May
2,202	147,552	Treasures from National Palace Museum, Taiwan	Kunsthistorisches Museum	Vienna	26 Feb-13 May
2,189	103,500	Samurai: Treasures of the Japanese Daimyo	Moscow Kremlin Museums	Moscow	23 May-16 Jul
2,149	166,050	Giorgio Morandi, 1890-1964	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	16 Sep-14 Dec
2,147	244,785	Kindred Spirits: Asher B. Durand	Smithsonian American Art Museum	Washington	14 Sep-07-6 Jan
2,146	164,000	Richard Avedon/Virginie Yassef	Jeu de Paume	Paris	1 Jul-27 Sep
2,138	310,000	Chaim Soutine	Pinacothèque	Paris	10 Oct-07-2 Mar
2,138	260,779	Barcelona 1900	Van Gogh Museum	Amsterdam	20 Sep-07-20 Jan
2,132	223,288	Mark Rothko: the Retrospective	Hamburger Kunsthalle	Hamburg	16 May-14 Sep
2,128	173,590	Renoir Landscapes	Philadelphia Museum of Art	Philadelphia	4 Oct-07-6 Jan
2,118	199,068	Gustav Klimt	Tate Liverpool	Liverpool	30 May-31 Aug
2,117	65,613	Queensland Design	Queensland Gallery of Modern Art	Brisbane	30 May-29 Jun
2,110	151,900	Archibald Wynne and Sulman Prizes	Art Gallery of New South Wales	Sydney	8 Mar-18 May
2,109	161,186	Poussin and Nature: Arcadian Visions	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	13 Feb-11 May
2,108	147,552	Summer Exhibition	Royal Academy of Arts	London	9 Jun-17 Aug
2,108	206,580	Picasso and his Collection	Queensland Gallery of Modern Art	Brisbane	9 Jun-14 Sep
2,098	106,411	Treasures from 33 Pilgrimage Sites	Nara National Museum	Nara	1 Aug-28 Sep
2,095	73,931	Yuzo Saeki	Osaka Municipal Museum of Art	Osaka	9 Sep-19 Oct
2,072	315,000	Vlaminck: a Fauve Instinct	Musée du Luxembourg	Paris	20 Feb-20 Jul
2,067	369,702	Paul Klee and Devendra Banhart	SFMoMA	San Francisco	15 Sep-07-13 Apr
2,052	159,750	Rothko/Kubrick/Ceroli	Palazzo delle Esposizioni	Rome	6 Oct-07-6 Jan
2,047	188,000	Gustave Courbet	Musée Fabre	Montpellier	14 Jun-28 Sep
2,028	132,403	Paintings from the Kunsthistorisches Museum	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	2 Jul-15 Sep
2,025	188,292	Karel du Jardin, 1626-78	Rijksmuseum	Amsterdam	14 Dec-07-16 Mar
2,003	166,229	The Golden Graves of Ancient Vani	Freer and Sackler Galleries	Washington	1 Dec-07-24 Feb
2,002	212,249	Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures	National Gallery of Art	Washington	25 May-7 Sep
1,995	390,956	Tutankhamun and the World of the Pharaohs	Museum of Ethnology	Vienna	17 Mar-28 Sep
1,992	58,342	Ukiyo-e Influence on French Ceramics	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	1 Jul-3 Aug
1,990	141,843	Maria Sibylla Merian & Daughters	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	10 Jun-31 Aug
1,985	146,606	Annie Leibovitz: a Photographer's Life	Legion of Honor	San Francisco	1 Mar-25 May
1,972	149,323	© Murakami	Museum of Contemporary Art	Los Angeles	28 Oct-07-11 Feb
1,949	154,529	Velázquez's Fables	Museo Nacional del Prado	Madrid	20 Nov-07-24 Feb
1,948	170,000	Design	Grand Palais	Paris	26 Sep-07-7 Jan
1,944	140,000	3rd Guangzhou Triennial	Guangzhou Art Museum	Guangzhou	6 Sep-16 Nov
1,944	223,509	Sidney Nolan	Queensland Art Gallery	Brisbane	6 Jun-28 Sep
1,943	220,092	August Sander/Bernd and Hilla Becher	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	6 May-14 Sep
1,938	143,441	Richard Prince: Continuation	Serpentine Gallery	London	26 Jun-7 Sep
1,936	230,900	Arcimboldo	Kunsthistorisches Museum	Vienna	12 Feb-29 Jun
1,933	183,596	Brilliant Women: 18th-century Bluestockings	National Portrait Gallery	London	13 Mar-15 Jun
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Daily	Total	Exhibition	Venue	City	Dates	Daily	Total	Exhibition	Venue	City	Dates
1,808	139,765	Inspiring Impressionism	High Museum of Art	Atlanta	16 Oct 07-13 Jan	1,446	171,218	Ulla von Brandenburg	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	28 May-12 Oct
1,804	175,000	Pompeii: Tales from an Eruption	Museum of Fine Arts Houston	Houston	2 Mar-22 Jun	1,446	146,478	Blog.mode: addressing fashion	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	18 Dec 07-13 Apr
1,799	149,821	Camille Claudel	Musée Rodin	Paris	15 Apr-20 Jul	1,446	28,919	I Macchiaioli: Mario Taragoni's Collection	Istituto Veneto di Scienza Lettere ed Arti	Venice	8-27 Mar
1,790	146,748	Biennale of Sydney	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	18 Jun-7 Sep	1,445	109,800	Blood on Paper: the Art of the Book	Victoria and Albert Museum	London	15 Apr-29 Jun
1,790	123,999	Medieval Works from the Cleveland Museum	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	30 Oct 07-20 Jan	1,445	267,825	The Eye of Josephine	High Museum of Art	Atlanta	16 Oct 07-18 May
1,783	199,741	Impressionists from the Art Institute of Chicago	Kimbell Art Museum	Fort Worth	29 Jun-2 Nov	1,442	141,125	Jeff Koons	Museum of Contemporary Art	Chicago	31 May-21 Sep
1,777	132,778	New Work: Paul Sietsema	SFMOMA	San Francisco	28 Mar-22 Jun	1,441	130,721	Unmonumental	New Museum	New York	1 Dec 07-6 Apr
1,772	158,208	Acquisitions, 1990-2008	Kunsthistorisches Museum	Vienna	22 Jul-2 Nov	1,439	139,598	El Greco to Velázquez	Museum of Fine Arts	Boston	20 Apr-27 Jul
1,769	128,117	Patrick Hall: Drawings	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	10 Oct 07-6 Jan	1,436	203,040	America: Painting in the New World	Museo di Santa Giulia	Brescia	21 Nov 07-4 May
1,763	153,394	Creative Generation Excellence Awards	Queensland Gallery of Modern Art	Brisbane	20 Mar-15 Jun	1,432	153,222	Millais	Tate Britain	London	26 Sep 07-13 Jan
1,761	200,756	Light and Space: Colonial Art and Queensland	Queensland Art Gallery	Brisbane	28 Jun-19 Oct	1,423	150,000	Richard Rogers + Architects	Centre Pompidou	Paris	24 Apr-25 Aug
1,738	139,000	Mark Rothko: Retrospective	Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung	Munich	8 Feb-27 Apr	1,420	81,966	Muraqqa': Imperial Mughal Albums from Dublin	Detroit Institute of Arts	Detroit	23 Aug-16 Nov
1,737	141,671	Inspiring Impressionism	Seattle Art Museum	Seattle	19 Jun-21 Sep	1,417	96,540	Private and Public: British Photography	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center	Stanford	3 Jan-6 Apr
1,735	148,976	An-My Lê: Small Wars	SFMOMA	San Francisco	26 Jan-4 May	1,415	133,017	Paul Klee	Albertina	Vienna	9 May-10 Aug
1,727	210,457	Gabriele Basilico	SFMOMA	San Francisco	26 Jan-15 Jun	1,399	99,703	Fragonard's Allegories of Love	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	12 Feb-4 May
1,721	267,259	Depth of Field: Modern Photography at the Met	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	25 Sep 07-23 Mar	1,397	99,563	Imagining Christ	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	6 May-27 Jul
1,719	305,931	Making it Modern: Kenneth MacQueen	Queensland Art Gallery	Brisbane	10 Nov 07-5 May	1,393	137,358	Sebastiano del Piombo 1485-1547	Museo di Palazzo Venezia	Rome	8 Feb-2 Jun
1,708	103,192	Miroslaw Balka/Thomas Scheibitz	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	14 Nov 07-27 Jan	1,392	150,481	Gifts for the Gods: Images from Egyptian Temples	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	16 Oct 07-18 Feb
1,708	124,680	Dali: Painting & Film	LACMA	Los Angeles	14 Oct 07-6 Jan	1,383	118,549	Ivan Shishkin	Tretyakov Gallery	Moscow	12 Oct 07-20 Jan
1,669	148,296	Give it a Rest: American Prints and Drawings	Detroit Institute of Arts	Detroit	2 Apr-3 Aug	1,375	101,532	O'Keefe & the Steiglitz Circle/Transactions	High Museum of Art	Atlanta	9 Feb-4 May
1,666	174,463	Cut: Revealing the Section	SFMOMA	San Francisco	8 Feb-8 Jun	1,371	61,679	Maria Lassnig	Serpentine Gallery	London	25 Apr-8 Jun
1,659	237,727	The Muriel Kallis Steinberg Newman Collection	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	18 Sep 07-2 Mar	1,368	345,477	Egypt's Sunken Treasures	Kunsthalle der Bundesrepublik	Bonn	5 Apr 07-27 Jan
1,656	133,645	Kara Walker	Whitney Museum	New York	10 Nov 07-2 Mar	1,363	97,390	McDermott and McGough: Photographs 1890-1990	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	6 Feb-27 Apr
1,652	209,797	Terracotta Warriors	Bowers Museum	Santa Ana	18 Mar-12 Oct	1,363	98,166	Vilhelm Hammershøi: the Poetry of Silence	Royal Academy of Arts	London	28 Jun-7 Sep
1,640	168,000	Keith Haring	Musée d'Art Contemporain	Lyon	22 Feb-13 Jul	1,362	62,078	Dieter Roth	Fundação de Serralves	Porto	10 May-1 Jul
1,640	141,000	The Royal Tombs of the Scythians	Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung	Munich	26 Oct 07-20 Jan	1,359	162,067	Ten Years in Focus: the Artist and the Camera	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	25 Mar-10 Aug
1,638	154,002	Degas: the Sculptures	Frederik Meijer Gardens	Grand Rapids	30 May-31 Aug	1,354	92,063	Max Ernst	Albertina	Vienna	20 Feb-27 Apr
1,629	115,405	Frida Kahlo	Walker Art Center	Minneapolis	27 Oct 07-20 Jan	1,347	85,070	Buckminster Fuller: Starting with the Universe	Whitney Museum	New York	26 Jun-21 Sep
1,627	155,066	Picasso the Cubist	Musée National Picasso	Paris	19 Sep 07-7 Jan	1,347	86,563	A Light Touch: Exploring Humour in Drawing	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	23 Sep-7 Dec
1,606	183,135	Renoir	Complesso del Vittoriano	Rome	8 Mar-29 Jun	1,339	100,065	Court Arts of China's Ming Dynasty	Asian Art Museum	San Francisco	27 Jun-21 Sep
1,604	118,444	Friedlander	SFMOMA	San Francisco	23 Feb-18 May	1,337	130,500	The Splendour of the Medici	Museum of Fine Arts	Budapest	24 Jan-18 May
1,584	128,960	Miquel Barceló/Janaina Tschäpe	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	25 Jun-28 Sep	1,333	67,996	Derek Jarman: Brutal Beauty	Serpentine Gallery	London	23 Feb-13 Apr
1,578	61,524	Salvatore Ferragamo, 1928-2008	Museum of Contemporary Art	Shanghai	30 Mar-7 May	1,330	85,705	Carlos Amorales: Dark Mirror	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	27 Feb-11 May
1,576	59,665	Treasures from the Kawachi Sentaishi	Osaka Municipal Museum of Art	Osaka	26 Apr-8 Jun	1,322	80,622	Anthony McCall	Serpentine Gallery	London	30 Nov 07-3 Feb
1,564	41,789	James Coleman: Background, 1991-94	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	1-31 Aug	1,322	133,472	Titian and the Sensuality of Painting	Gallerie dell'Accademia	Venice	24 Jan-4 May
1,564	156,423	Louise Bourgeois	Tate Modern	London	10 Oct 07-20 Jan	1,309	117,826	Psycho Buildings	Hayward Gallery	London	28 May-25 Aug
1,562	102,006	Hokusai	Musée Guimet	Paris	21 May-4 Aug	1,294	185,397	Silversmiths to the Nation	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	20 Nov 07-4 May
1,560	160,632	Art of Africa: Warren Robbins Collection	Frederik Meijer Gardens	Grand Rapids	25 Jan-5 May	1,292	120,194	Cranach	Royal Academy of Arts	London	8 Mar-8 Jun
1,557	194,588	Black Box: Rivane Neuenschwander	Hirshhorn Museum	Washington	17 Dec 07-20 Apr	1,284	71,720	Vinyl: Records and Covers by Artists	Fundação de Serralves	Porto	10 May-13 Jul
1,553	126,702	Toulouse-Lautrec	National Museum	Stockholm	21 Feb-25 May	1,281	150,210	In Focus: the Nude	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	9 Oct 07-24 Feb
1,552	105,309	Early Works from the Media Arts Collection	SFMOMA	San Francisco	22 Mar-8 Jun	1,280	63,810	Arts & Crafts from Morris to Mingei	National Museum of Modern Art	Kyoto	13 Sep-9 Nov
1,551	93,071	The Passage of Time: the Pinault Collection	Tri Postal	Lille	16 Oct 07-1 Jan	1,272	64,485	Alvess/Júlio Pomar	Fundação de Serralves	Porto	22 Feb-20 Apr
1,534	171,858	Black Box: Semiconductor	Hirshhorn Museum	Washington	25 Aug-14 Dec	1,271	334,566	Tara Donovan at the Met	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	20 Nov 07-21 Sep
1,532	143,988	Pop Art	Scuderie del Quirinale	Rome	26 Oct 07-27 Jan	1,269	125,613	Martin Puryear	National Gallery of Art	Washington	22 Jun-28 Sep
1,529	67,050	Export Lacquer	Kyoto National Museum	Kyoto	18 Oct-7 Dec	1,263	120,375	Dominique Perrault Architecture	Centre Pompidou	Paris	11 Jun-29 Sep
1,500	120,000	Camille Pissarro: Works from the Ashmolean	National Palace Museum	Taipei	30 May-17 Aug	1,259	102,000	Georges Adéagbo	Palazzo Vecchio	Florence	29 Mar-8 Jun
1,498	261,317	Three	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	10 Oct 07-27 Apr	1,255	80,865	The Cultural Heritage of Sri Lanka	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	17 Sep-30 Nov
1,492	92,494	Gerhard Richter: 4900 Colours, Version II	Serpentine Gallery	London	23 Sep-23 Nov	1,255	74,380	Rare Finds: Ten Years of Collecting Manuscripts	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	12 Feb-20 Apr
1,490	124,967	Sympathy for the Devil: Art and Rock'n'Roll	Museum of Contemporary Art	Chicago	29 Sep 07-6 Jan	1,252	84,963	Bruce Nauman/Institutional and Poetic Violence	Fundação de Serralves	Porto	19 Apr-6 Jul
1,487	56,278	MoMA Collection	Fundação de Serralves	Porto	10 May-22 Jun	1,236	102,580	Chinese Paintings from the NGV Collection	Queensland Art Gallery	Brisbane	19 Mar-9 Jun
1,481	109,601	Love	National Gallery	London	24 Jul-5 Oct	1,234	130,317	Yves Saint Laurent	Musée des Beaux-Arts	Montréal	29 May-28 Sep
1,475	141,594	Duchamp, Man Ray, Picabia	Tate Modern	London	21 Feb-26 May	1,229	94,458	Marie-Antoinette and the Petit Trianon	Legion of Honor	San Francisco	17 Nov 07-17 Feb
1,472	108,529	Jonathan Monk	Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville	Paris	30 May-24 Aug	1,227	108,000	Fiona Hall	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	6 Mar-1 Jun
1,472	123,618	Miró: Earth	Palazzo dei Diamanti	Ferrara	17 Feb-25 May	1,226	342,412	The Louvre and the Ancient World	High Museum of Art	Atlanta	16 Oct 07-7 Sep
1,471	246,122	Photography on Photography	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	8 Apr-19 Oct	1,223	112,308	Coming of Age: American Art, 1850-1950	Peggy Guggenheim Collection	Venice	28 Jun-12 Oct
1,470	190,490	Christian Lacroix: Fashion Stories	Musée des Arts Décoratifs	Paris	8 Nov 07-6 Apr	1,221	112,186	Rosso: the Transient Form	Peggy Guggenheim Collection	Venice	22 Sep 07-6 Jan
1,465	137,676	Oskar Kokoschka	Albertina	Vienna	11 Apr-13 Jul	1,217	110,417	Roman Art from the Louvre	Indianapolis Museum of Art	Indianapolis	21 Sep 07-6 Jan
1,456	150,000	Fragonard: Pleasures of a Century	Musée Jacquemart-André	Paris	3 Oct 07-13 Jan	1,210	90,728	Museums in the 21st Century	Pergamonmuseum	Berlin	12 Mar-25 May

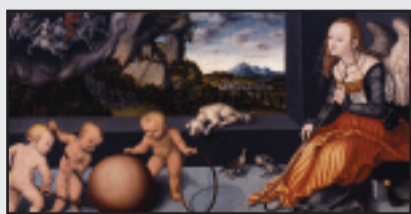
CONTEMPORARY TOP TEN



Paris's spectacular Grand Palais Nave comes in at number one with its all-too-brief show of works made over the past ten years, including those by Bill Viola, William Kentridge and Robert Wilson. Europe knocks New York's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) off the top slot for the first time since 2004 (when Guggenheim Bilbao topped the list with a display of work by Richter, Weiner and Whiteread). The Grand Palais Nave also comes in at number seven, playing host to "Promenade" (left), the monumental series of corten steel slabs by Richard Serra that filled the vast space. The San Francisco-born artist remains a popular choice, having topped the 2007 contemporary list with his 40 years of sculpture at MoMA. **R.S.**

10,357	145,000	Images in the Night	Grand Palais Nave	Paris	18-31 Dec
6,725	268,058	Kaiki Higashiyama: a Retrospective	The National Museum of Modern Art	Tokyo	29 Mar-18 May
6,571	393,322	Martin Puryear	Museum of Modern Art	New York	4 Nov 07-14 Jan
6,135	379,523	Take Your Time: Olafur Eliasson	Museum of Modern Art	New York	20 Apr-30 Jun
4,525	341,935	Hahn & Netzhammer/Logan Collection	SFMOMA	San Francisco	10 Jul-5 Oct
4,434	407,304	Chihuly at the de Young	De Young Museum	San Francisco	14 Jun-28 Sep
4,124	142,000	Richard Serra: Promenade	Grand Palais Nave	Paris	7 May-5 Jun
4,086	344,389	Cai Guo-Qiang/Everything is Museum	Guggenheim Museum	New York	22 Feb-28 May
4,078	657,801	Jeff Koons on the Roof	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	22 Apr-26 Oct
3,889	40,553	2007 Japan Media Arts Festival	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	6-17 Feb

OLD MASTERS TOP TEN



The past year won Sylvia Ferino Pagden, curator of Italian Renaissance painting at the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, a hat trick: she curated both the Titian show at her museum and the travelling exhibition, "Arcimboldo", in Paris and Vienna. For the first time in several years, no Japanese museum show has figured in the top ten, and while the battle lines have been slightly redrawn (normally fought between the Italians and the Dutch, Rembrandt mainly), last year the Germans (counting Arcimboldo in their camp) entered the lists with four shows. Best of all, Poussin, who has not appeared in the top ten for many years, was treated more as a painter than a philosopher at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and drew the crowds as a result. (Above, Cranach the Elder, *Melancholy*, 1532.) **D.L.**

3,554	430,000	Arcimboldo	Musée du Luxembourg	Paris	15 Sep 07-3 Jan
2,991	208,116	Titian and the Sensuality of Painting	Kunsthistorisches Museum	Vienna	18 Oct 07-6 Jan
2,898	218,174	Dürer and Cranach	Thyssen-Bornemisza/Fundación Caja	Madrid	9 Oct 07-6 Jan
2,780	204,960	Cranach the Elder	Städel Museum	Frankfurt	23 Nov 07-17 Feb
2,387	155,817	Ghiberti's The Gates of Paradise	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	30 Oct 07-13 Jan
2,109	161,186	Poussin and Nature: Arcadian Visions	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	13 Feb-11 May
2,025	188,292	Karel du Jardin, 1626-78	Rijksmuseum	Amsterdam	14 Dec 07-16 Mar
1,990	141,843	Maria Sibylla Merian & Daughters	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	10 Jun-31 Aug
1,949	154,529	Velázquez's Fables	Museo Nacional del Prado	Madrid	20 Nov 07-24 Feb
1,936	230,900	Arcimboldo	Kunsthistorisches Museum	Vienna	12 Feb-29 Jun

IMPRESSIONIST AND MODERN TOP TEN



The closure of the Musée National Picasso for a two-year renovation proved to be a boon for Madrid and Tokyo as visitors flocked to see works from the Parisian institution's collection in a touring retrospective of the Spanish artist. This is the first time a Spanish museum has held the top position in this category—the closest it came was in 2004 when the Prado ranked second with a display of works by Manet. The Picasso show is also the most visited exhibition in Spain, surpassing "Goya in Times of War" at the Prado by more than 1,500 people per day. The rest of the list includes many of the usual high-profile figures including Dalí, Seurat and Van Gogh (left, *The Harvest*, 1888). **E.S.**

7,101	547,810	Collection of the Musée National Picasso	Reina Sofia	Madrid	5 Feb-5 May
6,624	449,483	Dali: Painting and Film	Museum of Modern Art	New York	29 Jun-15 Sep
6,339	223,671	Yokoyama Taikan: Fifty Years On	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	23 Jan-3 Mar
6,202	589,180	Van Gogh	Albertina	Vienna	5 Sep-8 Dec
5,427	324,874	Georges Seurat: the Drawings	Museum of Modern Art	New York	28 Oct 07-7 Jan
5,050	312,390	Picasso from the Musée National Picasso	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	4 Oct-14 Dec
4,649	422,422	Frida Kahlo	SFMOMA	San Francisco	14 Jun-28 Sep
4,626	408,407	Modigliani and his Times	Thyssen-Bornemisza/Fundación Caja	Madrid	5 Feb-8 May
4,489	385,412	Kirchner and the Berlin Street	Museum of Modern Art	New York	3 Aug-10 Nov
4,364	127,808	Russian Art of the 1870s-1910s	Tretyakov Gallery	Moscow	4 Mar-6 Apr

ANTIQUITIES TOP TEN



The world of ancient art is no less sensitive to contemporary politics than any other part of the museum exhibition scene, so it comes as no surprise that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have stimulated interest in the ancient history of those parts of the world with the travelling exhibition "Babylon" in Berlin and Paris (left, glazed brick relief lion, 605-563 BC), and the Kabul Museum collections in Washington, DC, coming high in the top ten. Having put in token appearances in the past, the Greeks and Romans have come back in force with no less than four shows spread around the globe, while their rivals and neighbours in Colchis (the Vani graves at the Freer) have also made their mark this year. The pre-Columbian blockbusters of previous years have disappeared altogether, and King Tut, the overall winner for three previous years, has come in fourth in London and ninth in Vienna. **D.L.**

5,490	560,000	Babylon: Myth and Truth	Pergamonmuseum	Berlin	26 Jun-5 Oct
4,550					

Exhibition attendance figures 2008

Daily	Total	Exhibition	Venue	City	Dates
1,198	88,636	Benin: Royal Arts of a West African Kingdom	Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	10 Jul-21 Sep
1,197	73,000	Queens of Egypt	Forum Grimaldi	Monaco	12 Jul-10 Sep
1,196	211,728	Rome and the Barbarians: the Birth of a New World	Palazzo Grassi	Venice	26 Jan-20 Jul
1,190	132,805	¡Cuba! Art and History from 1868 to Today	Musée des Beaux-Arts	Montréal	31 Jan-8 Jun
1,184	115,833	Lucian Freud	Gemeentemuseum	The Hague	16 Feb-8 Jun
1,179	121,402	Vanity Fair Portraits	National Portrait Gallery	London	14 Feb-26 May
1,179	67,698	SANAA: Works 1998-2008	New Museum	New York	28 Mar-15 Jun
1,176	116,439	In the Forest of Fontainebleau: Corot to Monet	National Gallery of Art	Washington	2 Mar-8 Jun
1,172	165,321	Homage to Hildy and Ernst Beyeler	Fondation Beyeler	Basel	19 Aug 07-6 Jan
1,169	91,000	Dutch Portraits in the Age of Rembrandt and Hals	Mauritshuis	The Hague	13 Oct 07-13 Jan
1,167	77,184	The Art of Paper: Picasso and Books	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	15 Sep-30 Nov
1,162	28,058	An Xiaotong: Where and When	Ullens Centre	Beijing	27 Sep-24 Oct
1,162	129,813	Rubens	Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts	Brussels	14 Sep 07-27 Jan
1,161	78,788	Eastern European Publications	Fundação de Serralves	Porto	2 Feb-20 Apr
1,160	116,033	The Power of Beauty	Palazzo Te	Mantua	29 Mar-6 Jul
1,158	106,413	Karen Kilimnik	Museum of Contemporary Art	Chicago	23 Feb-8 Jun
1,157	63,130	The Place to Be	Stichting Kröller-Müller Museum	Otterlo	3 Apr-1 Jun
1,155	75,373	Faces of Power and Piety: Medieval Portraiture	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	12 Aug-26 Oct
1,154	79,483	Kenro Izu: Sacred Places	Detroit Institute of Arts	Detroit	9 Jul-12 Oct
1,153	96,000	Benin/Diaspora d'Afrique	Musée Quai Branly	Paris	2 Oct 07-6 Jan
1,144	125,727	O'Keeffe & the Stieglitz Circle	San Diego Museum of Art	San Diego	24 May-28 Sep
1,124	100,000	The Studio of Man Ray	Pinacothèque	Paris	5 Mar-1 Jun
1,121	88,892	Germany: the Dark Years	Musée Maillol	Paris	31 Oct 07-4 Feb
1,119	202,289	Pintoricchio	Galleria Nazionale dell'Umbria	Perugia	2 Feb-31 Aug
1,117	113,895	Street and Studio: an Urban History of Photography	Tate Modern	London	22 May-31 Aug
1,112	70,000	Two Centuries of British Fashion: V&A Collection	Moscow Kremlin Museums	Moscow	5 Sep-16 Nov
1,112	94,817	10,000 to 50: Art from Business to Arts	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	30 Apr-4 Jun
1,112	90,377	Taddeo and Federico Zuccaro	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	2 Oct 07-6 Jan
1,108	114,109	Van Gogh, Cézanne and Austria's Modernists	Österreichische Galerie Belvedere	Vienna	3 Oct 07-13 Jan
1,100	102,904	Nature as Artifice: New Dutch Landscape	Stichting Kröller-Müller Museum	Otterlo	12 Jun-28 Sep
1,098	80,125	Southern Exposure	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	12 Jun-28 Sep
1,095	121,243	The Celestial Empire	Museo di Antichità	Turin	11 Jul-16 Nov
1,094	60,000	Sculptures of the Baroque Age	San Francesco della Scarpa	Lecce	25 Mar-28 May
1,090	58,342	Campaign for the Titians: Diana and Actaeon	National Gallery	London	22 Oct-14 Dec
1,079	79,684	California Video	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	15 Mar-8 Jun
1,079	144,491	The World of Claude Monet	Nagoya/Boston Museum	Nagoya	26 Apr-28 Sep
1,078	459,065	Berardo Collection Opening Exhibition	Museu Coleção Berardo	Lisbon	10 Feb-18 May
1,071	90,000	J.M.W. Turner	Dallas Museum of Art	Dallas	25 Jun 07-24 Aug
1,070	102,000	César: an Anthology by Jean Nouvel	Fondation Cartier	Paris	8 Jul-26 Oct
1,070	69,879	Rhythms of Modern Life: British Prints 1914-39	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	23 Sep-7 Dec
1,069	85,375	Gordon Matta-Clark: You Are the Measure	Museum of Contemporary Art	Chicago	2 Feb-4 May
1,067	88,876	Valentino: Themes and Variations	Musée des Arts Décoratifs	Paris	17 Jun-21 Sep
1,055	68,565	Jasper Johns: Grey	Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	3 Nov 07-6 Jan
1,052	86,280	Shahzia Sikander	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	27 Nov 07-17 Feb
1,051	58,686	European Ceramics/Treaty of Amity and Commerce	Kyoto National Museum	Kyoto	5 Jan-9 Mar
1,047	142,229	Redone: Conceptual Art from the Collection	Stichting Kröller-Müller Museum	Otterlo	24 May-26 Oct
1,044	128,079	Richard Avedon, 1964-2004	Louisiana Museum of Modern Art	Humblebaek	24 Aug 07-13 Jan
1,041	80,000	Chagall and the Art of Ceramics	Le Piscine	Roubaix	20 Oct 07-20 Jan
1,041	80,458	Medieval & Renaissance Treasures from the V&A	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	20 May-17 Aug
1,040	88,092	Peter Doig	Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville	Paris	30 May-7 Sep
1,039	68,395	The Besser Collection/Louise Nevelson	De Young Museum	San Francisco	27 Oct 07-13 Jan
1,038	82,705	Klimt, Schiele and Masterpieces from Belvedere	Villa Olmo	Como	16 May-17 Aug
1,036	137,485	Robert Rauschenberg: Travelling, 1970-76	Fundação de Serralves	Porto	26 Oct 07-30 Mar
1,030	106,137	800 Years: from Canova to the Fourth State	Scuderie del Quirinale	Rome	29 Feb-10 Jun
1,025	64,859	The Decorated Letter	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	13 Nov 07-27 Jan
1,020	100,984	Art of Light: German Renaissance Stained Glass	National Gallery	London	7 Nov 07-17 Feb
1,020	77,919	Museums in the 21st Century	Louisiana Museum of Modern Art	Humblebaek	18 Jun-14 Sep
1,012	60,750	Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller	The Fruitmarket Gallery	Edinburgh	31 Jul-28 Sep
1,012	84,287	Ten Years of Drawings	Getty Museum	Los Angeles	29 Jan-4 May
1,011	111,225	Alison Watt: Phantom	National Gallery	London	12 Mar-29 Jun
1,011	92,863	Eleanor Antin: Historical Takes	San Diego Museum of Art	San Diego	19 Jul-2 Nov
1,006	88,489	Cy Twombly	Tate Modern	London	19 Jun-14 Sep
1,004	103,137	Sicily: from Ulysses to Garibaldi	Kunsthalle der Bundesrepublik	Bonn	25 Jan-25 May
998	123,753	Swords into Ploughshares: the Isaiah Scroll	Israel Museum	Jerusalem	19 May-20 Sep
996	130,817	The Art of the Central African Reliquary	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	2 Oct 07-2 Mar
995	113,951	Brave New Worlds	Walker Art Center	Minneapolis	4 Oct 07-17 Feb
989	161,229	Ben Johnson Cityscapes	Walker Art Gallery	Liverpool	24 May-2 Nov
987	69,501	Cecil King: a Legacy of Painting	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	27 Feb-18 May
980	112,884	Picturing the Bible	Kimbell Art Museum	Fort Worth	19 Nov 07-30 Mar
978	113,476	Art in the Age of Steam	Walker Art Gallery	Liverpool	17 Apr-10 Aug
974	94,482	Peter Doig	Tate Britain	London	5 Feb-11 May
972	80,103	Printed Treasures (Ukiyo-e)	Nagoya/Boston Museum	Nagoya	2 Jan-6 Apr
969	67,116	Modern Masters of Drawing	Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza	Madrid	27 Nov 07-17 Feb
969	92,076	Juan Muñoz: a Retrospective	Tate Modern	London	24 Jan-27 Apr
962	73,800	Picasso, Klee, Kandinsky from the Rupf Collection	Museum of Fine Arts	Budapest	26 Oct 07-27 Jan
958	74,051	Gee's Bend: the Architecture of the Quilt	Philadelphia Museum of Art	Philadelphia	16 Sep-14 Dec
957	79,442	Modern Painters: the Camden Town Group	Tate Britain	London	13 Feb-5 May
953	82,655	The Abstraction of the Landscape	Fundación Juan March	Madrid	5 Oct 07-13 Jan
951	102,431	Alechinsky	Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts	Brussels	23 Nov 07-30 Mar
946	99,344	Looking for Owners	Israel Museum	Jerusalem	18 Feb-2 Jun
942	68,780	Primavera 2008	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	19 Sep-30 Nov
942	79,933	Photographs by Sheila Pree Bright	High Museum of Art	Atlanta	3 May-10 Aug
940	76,384	Parmigianino's Antea: a Beautiful Artifice	Frick Collection	New York	29 Jan-27 Apr
936	140,695	Frick's Vermeers Reunited	Frick Collection	New York	3 Jun-23 Nov
918	83,527	Napoleon and the Louvre	Palace Museum	Beijing	4 Apr-3 Jul

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915	110,677	Hidden Afghanistan	De Nieuwe Kerk	Amsterdam	22 Dec 07-20 Apr
914	85,044	Ed Ruscha and Photography	Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago	1 Mar-1 Jun
909	97,232	Harry Benson: a Photographer's Journey	Kelvingrove Art Gallery	Glasgow	31 May-14 Sep
908	77,979	Chihuly at RISD	Rhode Island School of Design	Providence	27 Sep 07-4 Jan
907	102,724	The Art of Time: European Clocks and Watches	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	18 Dec 07-27 Apr
904	155,448	Cheers/Pricked: Extreme Embroidery	Museum of Art and Design	New York	8 Nov 07-27 Apr
900	113,461	Take One Picture: Work by Primary Schools	National Gallery	London	28 Apr-31 Aug
900	165,689	Canova at the Court of the Tzar	Palazzo Reale	Milan	23 Feb-24 Aug
896	77,014	Impressionism and Scotland	National Gallery of Modern Art	Edinburgh	19 Jul-12 Oct
896	79,594	Spared from the Storm	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center	Stanford	4 Jun-5 Oct
892	82,655	Maximin	Fundación Juan March	Madrid	8 Feb-25 May
887	69,223	Renaissance Siena: Art for a City	National Gallery	London	24 Oct 07-13 Jan
885	93,829	Photographic Portrait Prize	National Portrait Gallery	London	8 Nov 07-24 Feb
885	123,711	Anatomy of a Masterpiece	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	1 Mar-10 Aug
884	68,815	Houdon at the Louvre	High Museum of Art	Atlanta	7 Jun-7 Sep
882	87,350	Treasures from the Louvre	National Museum of Singapore	Singapore	9 Dec 07-16 Mar
882	81,500	The Library's Inferno	Bibliothèque nationale de France	Paris	4 Dec 07-22 Mar
881	85,920	Eylem Aladogan	Stichting Kröller-Müller Museum	Otterlo	21 Feb-8 Jun
879	79,964	Le Corbusier: the Art of Architecture	Museu Coleção Berardo	Lisbon	19 May-17 Aug
878	91,908	Lucian Freud	Louisiana Museum of Modern Art	Humblebaek	28 Sep 07-27 Jan
865	63,891	Paul Klee: Theatre Here, There and Everywhere	Palais des Beaux-Arts	Brussels	1 Mar-25 May
865	71,804	Turner Prize 2007	Tate Liverpool	Liverpool	19 Oct 07-13 Jan
864	83,803	Manoel de Oliveira	Fundação Serralves	Porto	13 Jul-2 Nov
863	87,856	Road to Freedom/After 1968	High Museum of Art	Atlanta	7 Jun-5 Oct
863	148,776	The Great Bronzes of the Baptistery	Museo Nazionale Bargello	Florence	16 Apr-2 Nov
862	63,694	Our Future: the Ullens Foundation Collection	Ullens Centre	Beijing	9 Jul-12 Oct
856	83,866	A Passion for British Art: Paul Mellon's Legacy	Royal Academy of Arts	London	20 Oct 07-27 Jan
855	89,500	Pharaonic Renaissance	Museum of Fine Arts	Budapest	8 Aug-7 Dec
853	110,000	Bad Painting, Good Art	Museum of Modern Art Ludwig	Vienna	6 Jun-12 Oct
852	41,620	Experiments in Navigation: Charles Hobson	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center	Stanford	30 Apr-6 Jul
848	79,689	Canaletto and Bellotto	Palazzo Bricherasio	Turin	14 Mar-15 Jun
845	45,044	Red Coral	Palazzo Madama	Turin	29 Jul-28 Sep
845	84,000	Ode to Coorte	Mauritshuis	The Hague	23 Feb-8 Jun
841	136,389	Radiance from the Rainforest	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	26 Feb-1 Sep
839	72,000	Dutch Primitives: Paintings from the Late Middle Ages	Boijmans Van Beuningen	Rotterdam	16 Feb-25 May
837	65,143	Green Drops and Moonquilters: Lauren Child	Manchester Art Gallery	Manchester	21 Jun-21 Sep
834	62,515	Georgia O'Keeffe: Circling Around Abstraction	Minneapolis Institute of Arts	Minneapolis	7 Oct 07-6 Jan
832	64,319	Miró: Earth	Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza	Madrid	17 Jun-14 Sep
827	79,424	Symbols of Power: Napoleon and Art	Museum of Fine Arts	Boston	21 Oct 07-27 Jan
826	81,785	Bronze and Boxwood: the Robert Smith Collection	National Gallery of Art	Washington	27 Jan-4 May
825	84,192	The Courtauld Cézannes	Courtauld Gallery	London	26 Jun-5 Oct
824	36,252	Anton Corbijn: Four Perspectives	Moscow Museum of Modern Art	Moscow	20 Mar-4 May
822	60,000	Mercalli Scale	The Auditorium, Parco della Musica	Rome	20 May-31 Jul
820	75,423	Butterfly Dreams	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	10 Sep-10 Dec
818	48,117	Paul Chan/Tomma Abts	New Museum	New York	9 Apr-29 Jun
816	56,189	Richard Diebenkorn and Carey Stanton	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center	Stanford	23 Jul-26 Oct
815	56,118	Frederic Church, Winslow Homer & Thomas Moran	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center	Stanford	30 Jan-4 May
815	56,119	Makishi: Mask Characters of Zambia	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center	Stanford	26 Mar-29 Jun
813	63,311	Deodorant Type: Sculptures by Gwon Osang	Manchester Art Gallery	Manchester	21 Jun-21 Sep
813	151,998	Orphaned Art: Looted Art from the Holocaust	Israel Museum	Jerusalem	18 Feb-23 Aug
813	24,401	Eastside/Westside	Queensland Gallery of Modern Art	Brisbane	20 Sep-19 Oct
813	64,125	The Colour of Life	Getty Villa	Los Angeles	6 Mar-23 Jun
806	59,417	Sidney Nolan	National Gallery of Victoria	Melbourne	22 Feb-18 May
805	65,000	Hiroshi Sugimoto: a Retrospective	Neue Nationalgalerie	Berlin	4 Jul-5 Oct
804	64,245	Andy Warhol by Andy Warhol	Astrup Fearnley Museum	Oslo	13 Sep-14 Dec
803	64,151	Artist Writings	Fundação Serralves	Porto	12 Jul-12 Oct
796	62,787	Richard Diebenkorn: Abstractions on Paper	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center	Stanford	23 Jul-9 Nov
790	73,200	Soul and Body: Kertész to Mapplethorpe	Museum of Fine Arts	Budapest	6 Jun-21 Sep
790	90,881	Callum Innes: from Memory	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	11 Nov 07-5 Mar
789	42,502	Double Album: Daniel Guzmán and Steven Shearer	New Museum	New York	23 Apr-6 Jul
789	66,261	Declaring Space	Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth	Fort Worth	30 Sep 07-6 Jan
788	54,181	Drama and Desire: Japanese Paintings 1690-1850	Asian Art Museum	San Francisco	15 Feb-4 May
787	106,228	The Library of Federico di Montefeltro	Palazzo Ducale di Urbino	Urbino	15 Mar-27 Jul
782	93,804	Real Time: Art in Israel, 1998-2008	Israel Museum	Jerusalem	18 Apr-16 Aug
781	57,695	Asher B. Durand and the American Landscape	San Diego Museum of Art	San Diego	2 Feb-27 Apr
780	68,231	Tino Segal	Walker Art Center	Minneapolis	12 Dec 07-23 Mar
778	68,464	Peep: the Kerry Stokes Collection	Art Gallery of Western Australia	Perth	30 May-25 Aug
778	72,232	Art Treasures in Manchester: 150 Years On	Manchester Art Gallery	Manchester	6 Oct 07-27 Jan
776	52,658	David Goldblatt/All the Stories	Fundação Serralves	Porto	26 Jul-12 Oct
775	51,279	Rhythms of India: the Art of Nandalal Bose	San Diego Museum of Art	San Diego	24 Feb-10 May
772	59,000	Figuration Narrative: Paris, 1960-1972	Grand Palais	Paris	16 Apr-13 Jul
772	82,471	Building Books: the Art of David Macaulay	Rhode Island School of Design	Providence	27 Sep 07-1 Feb
768	84,442	Oskar Kokoschka	Österreichische Galerie Belvedere	Vienna	24 Jan-12 May
767	60,190	James McKenna	Irish Museum of Modern Art	Dublin	28 Nov 07-2 Mar
767	48,132	Cecilia Beaux	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	Philadelphia	1 Feb-13 Apr
764	34,802	Introspective Cavity	Ullens Centre	Beijing	17 Jul-7 Sep
763	57,000	Patti Smith/Andrea Branzi	Fondation Cartier	Paris	28 Mar-22 Jun
760	75,958	Richard Misrach: On the Beach	National Gallery of Art	Washington	25 May-1 Sep
756	110,000	Pompeian Red	Palazzo Massimo	Rome	20 Dec 07-8 Jun
755	55,000	Orsay's Zoo	Le Piscine	Roubaix	1 Mar-25 May
754	46,400	Exploring the Inter-war Period in Polish Art	The Warsaw National Museum	Warsaw	17 Jan-30 Mar
754	43,390	Rhythms of India: the Art of Nandalal Bose	Philadelphia Museum of Art	Philadelphia	27 Jun-1 Sep
748	68,722	Inside the Wave	San Diego Museum of Art	San Diego	8 Mar-22 Jun
747	88,148	Tony Cragg versus F.X. Messerschmidt	Österreichische Galerie Belvedere	Vienna	29 Jan-25 May
741	80,000	China: Facing Reality	Museum of Modern Art Ludwig	Vienna	26 Oct 07-10 Feb

PHOTOGRAPHY TOP TEN



In line with the past three years, the US monopolises the top ten, this time with a fairly even split between San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles. Photography has made greater inroads into

Exhibition attendance figures 2008

Daily	Total	Exhibition	Venue	City	Dates	Daily	Total	Exhibition	Venue	City	Dates
737	115,033	Circle of Friends	Art Gallery of Western Australia	Perth	22 Mar-25 Aug	610	28,077	Heads Up	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	4 Sep -19 Oct
737	73,669	Frank Hinder/Grace Crowley	Art Gallery of Western Australia	Perth	14 Jun-21 Sep	608	60,165	Pop Art Portraits	National Portrait Gallery	London	11 Oct 07-20 Jan
737	42,854	After Nature	New Museum	New York	17 Jul-5 Oct	608	66,316	Balla: Futurist Modernity	Palazzo Reale	Milan	15 Feb-2 Jun
737	69,252	Turner Prize: a Retrospective	Tate Britain	London	2 Oct 07-6 Jan	606	42,100	Poussin to David: French Drawings from the Louvre	Museum of Fine Arts	Budapest	21 Feb-12 May
735	133,110	Shell Wildlife Photographer of the Year	Natural History Museum	London	27 Oct 07-27 Apr	606	119,441	Spheres of the Heavens, Spheres of the Earth	Museo Correr	Venice	28 Sep 07-13 Apr
732	51,895	Dreaming of a Speech Without Words	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center	Stanford	21 Nov 07-2 Mar	605	73,824	Lee Friedlander: a Ramble in Olmsted Parks	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	22 Jan-11 Jun
730	56,397	Roberto Sambonet	Palazzo Madama	Turin	8 Apr-6 Jul	605	59,928	Fernand Léger	Fondation Beyeler	Basel	1 Jun-7 Sep
730	75,952	Antonio López García	Museum of Fine Arts	Boston	13 Apr-27 Jul	605	17,723	Modern German Posters 1890-1933	National Museum of Modern Art	Kyoto	26 Feb-30 Mar
721	31,001	Restoration of the Watch Tower in the P. San Marco	Museo Correr	Venice	15 Jun-27 Jul	603	73,000	China Design Now	Victoria and Albert Museum	London	15 Mar-13 Jul
719	36,452	Egyptian Treasures from the Brooklyn Museum	Indianapolis Museum of Art	Indianapolis	11 Jul-7 Sep	603	56,690	Paper Roads: Wolfgang Tiemann	Pergamonmuseum	Berlin	26 Oct 07-27 Jan
718	55,519	The Legend of Speed/21st Century China	Palazzo delle Esposizioni	Rome	19 Feb-18 May	601	64,863	Radical Elegance: Yohji Yamamoto Garments	Art Gallery of Western Australia	Perth	1 Nov 07-17 Feb
712	79,000	The Art of Lee Miller	Victoria and Albert Museum	London	15 Sep 07-6 Jan	598	61,401	Heritage in Danger: From Veronese to Picasso	Musée d'Art et d'Histoire	Geneva	30 Nov 07-30 Mar
712	65,436	The Québec Triennial	Musée d'art contemporain	Montréal	24 May-7 Sep	597	49,119	William Sansal: Years of Struggle	Zacheta National Gallery of Art	Warsaw	27 Nov 07-2 Mar
711	90,909	Bridging East and West	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	15 Sep 07-10 Feb	597	65,000	Pop Art Portraits	Staatsgalerie	Stuttgart	2 Feb-8 Jun
708	65,000	End Game	Museum of Fine Arts Houston	Houston	14 Jun-28 Sep	592	52,121	Georgia O'Keeffe and the Camera	Portland Museum of Art	Portland	12 Jun-7 Sep
708	76,500	Adolph Menzel: Radically Real	Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung	Munich	16 May-31 Aug	589	70,062	Action/Abstraction	Jewish Museum	New York	4 May-21 Sep
707	60,061	Year 12 Perspectives 2007	Art Gallery of Western Australia	Perth	1 Mar-25 May	587	40,441	The Magnificent Piranesi	Getty Villa	Los Angeles	6 Dec 07-10 Mar
704	63,491	Paracas/Elena Izcue	Musée Quai Branly	Paris	1 Apr-14 Jul	584	50,816	Lost Buddhas	Art Gallery of New South Wales	Sydney	29 Aug-23 Nov
702	79,984	Landscape Oil Sketch	National Gallery	London	15 Dec 07-6 Apr	583	38,951	Alina Slesinska, 1922-94	Zacheta National Gallery of Art	Warsaw	8 Dec 07-24 Feb
701	41,256	Grecian Taste and Roman Spirit	Getty Villa	Los Angeles	7 Aug-27 Oct	583	67,056	Donations to the Belvedere by Thaddeus Ropac	Österreichische Galerie Belvedere	Vienna	30 May-21 Sep
700	49,921	The North of Sumatra/Ancient African Ivories	Musée Quai Branly	Paris	19 Feb-11 May	583	113,445	From the Alps to Lake Geneva	Musée d'Art et d'Histoire	Geneva	14 Mar-26 Oct
699	48,500	Sophie Calle	Bibliothèque nationale de France	Paris	26 Mar-15 Jun	582	52,428	Istanbul, Ispahan, Delhi: Islam's Empires	Sakip Sabanci Museum	Istanbul	18 Feb-1 Jun
697	53,831	Polynesian Arts and Divinities	Musée Quai Branly	Paris	17 Jun-14 Sep	582	50,006	Elegance of the Qing Court	Joslyn Art Museum	Omaha	1 Mar-8 Jun
694	13,787	L. Gadaev	The State Tretyakov Gallery	Moscow	6 Sep-28 Sep	581	42,338	Lucio Fontana	GNAM	Rome	16 Feb-11 May
694	63,734	Denise Fleming: Painting with Paper	Joslyn Art Museum	Omaha	17 May-31 Aug	580	63,734	Karl Bodmer's Eastern Views	Joslyn Art Museum	Omaha	26 Apr-31 Aug
691	33,868	Exquisite Visions of Japan	Blanton Museum of Art	Austin	29 Jun-24 Aug	579	44,023	Video Logic	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	19 Aug-2 Nov
691	34,235	Bright Common Spikes: John Bisbee	Portland Museum of Art	Portland	24 Jan-23 Mar	578	48,532	Arms and Armor from Imperial Austria	Cleveland Museum of Art	Cleveland	24 Feb-1 Jun
689	64,776	Sidney Nolan	Art Gallery of New South Wales	Sydney	2 Nov 07-3 Feb	577	42,606	Artes Mundi III	National Museum Cardiff	Cardiff	15 Mar-8 Jun
680	48,488	The Aristocrats and the Cannibals	Musée Quai Branly	Paris	23 Oct 07-13 Jan	576	47,952	The Arnold Collection of Meissen Porcelain	Frick Collection	New York	25 Mar-29 Jun
680	60,530	The Lure of the East: British Orientalist Painting	Tate Britain	London	4 Jun-31 Aug	574	41,379	Luis Fernández	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	15 Oct 07-6 Jan
679	43,171	Geoffrey Farmer	Musée d'art contemporain	Montréal	7 Feb-20 Apr	574	35,000	John Alexander: a Retrospective	Museum of Fine Arts Houston	Houston	13 Apr-22 Jun
678	78,592	Shy Boy, She Devil, and Isis	Museum of Fine Arts	Boston	11 Sep 07-6 Jan	574	35,038	Maps: Finding Our Place in the World	Walters Art Museum	Baltimore	16 Mar-8 Jun
676	85,691	Beth Lipman I After You're Gone	Rhode Island School of Design	Providence	22 Aug 07-18 Jan	573	49,093	Félix Vallotton	Kunsthaus Zürich	Zürich	5 Oct 07-13 Jan
676	61,438	Garofalo: Painter of Ferrara	Castello Estense	Ferrara	5 Apr-20 Jul	573	43,051	Gabriel de Saint-Aubin (1724-80)	Frick Collection	New York	9 Oct 07-7 Jan
674	108,589	Brutal Tender Human Animal: Roger Ballen	Art Gallery of Western Australia	Perth	24 Nov 07-4 May	569	30,214	Masterpieces of Polish Painting	Zacheta National Gallery of Art	Warsaw	17 Dec 07-17 Feb
673	74,509	Royal Collection	Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts	Brussels	16 May-21 Sep	569	20,582	Art Collection XX	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	21 Jan-2 Mar
671	57,000	In the Forest of Fontainebleau	Museum of Fine Arts Houston	Houston	13 Jul-19 Oct	567	17,000	Ilya & Emilia Kabakov	CCC Moscow	Moscow	16 Sep-15 Oct
670	88,823	The Magic of Things	Städel Museum	Frankfurt	20 Mar-17 Aug	567	116,195	IDEO Selects	Cooper Hewitt	New York	22 Jun 07-13 Jan
670	36,776	Giovanni Segantini	Galleria Civica G. Segantini	Arco	8 Mar-11 May	567	14,579	Craigie Horsfield	Museo di Capodimonte	Naples	14 Mar-13 Apr
669	47,676	Nancy Spero: Dissidences	MACBA	Barcelona	4 Jul-24 Sep	565	42,215	It's Not Only Rock 'n' Roll, Baby!	Palais des Beaux-Arts	Brussels	20 Jun-14 Sep
669	66,439	China Gold	Musée Maillol	Paris	18 Jun-13 Oct	564	19,419	Oscar Rabin: Three Lives	The State Tretyakov Gallery	Moscow	29 Oct 07-7 Dec
667	38,314	Golden Fleece, 1906-09	The State Tretyakov Gallery	Moscow	12 Mar-18 May	564	76,763	Dracula	Ambras Castle	Tirol	18 Jun-31 Oct
666	53,190	Gilbert & George	De Young Museum	San Francisco	16 Feb-18 May	563	16,896	Night on Earth	Museum of Contemporary Art	Shanghai	17 May-15 Jun
663	70,927	Action Painting	Fondation Beyeler	Basel	27 Jan-12 May	562	97,217	Francis Bacon	Palazzo Reale	Milan	5 Mar-24 Aug
663	52,918	Animated Painting	San Diego Museum of Art	San Diego	13 Oct 07-13 Jan	562	35,900	Reflecting Antiquity	Getty Villa	Los Angeles	18 Oct 07-14 Jan
661	62,760	The 1930s: the Making of "The New Man"	National Gallery of Canada	Ottawa	5 Jun-7 Sep	561	50,499	Vincent van Gogh: Nature Close-up	Rijksmuseum Schiphol	Amsterdam	9 Apr-7 Jul
660	13,113	Annual Student Exhibition	Pennsylvania Academy	Philadelphia	10 May-1 Jun	560	36,385	Print the Legend: the Myth of the West	The Fruitmarket Gallery	Edinburgh	1 Mar-4 May
658	65,000	Goya's Capriccios	Palais des Beaux-Arts	Lille	25 Apr-17 Aug	560	47,161	Poussin and Nature	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	8 Oct 07-13 Jan
657	72,260	Impressionism: Painting the Light	Palazzo Strozzi	Florence	11 Jun-28 Sep	560	23,683	The Virgin, Saints, and Angels	Blanton Museum of Art	Austin	29 Jan-16 Mar
655	64,809	The Longobards	Palazzo Bricherasio	Turin	28 Sep 07-6 Jan	558	13,940	Toys, Indeed	The Warsaw National Museum	Warsaw	1 Jun-29 Jun
655	112,620	They Are Meditating	Museum of Contemporary Art	Sydney	14 Feb-3 Aug	557	183,290	Ice Station Antarctica	Natural History Museum	London	25 May 07-20 Apr
651	50,156	James Angus	Art Gallery of Western Australia	Perth	16 Dec 07-2 Mar	557	73,065	Phantom Sightings: Art after the Chicano Movement	LACMA	Los Angeles	2 Apr-1 Sep
651	52,554	Cosima von Bonin/Gordon Matta-Clark	Museum of Contemporary Art	Los Angeles	16 Sep 07-7 Jan	555	47,701	Walter Sickert: The Camden Town Nudes	Courtauld Gallery	London	25 Oct 07-20 Jan
650	70,729	The Hope Hygieia: Restoring a Statue's History	Getty Villa	Los Angeles	10 Apr-8 Sep	553	66,907	Rococo: The Continuing Curve 1730-2008	Cooper Hewitt	New York	7 Mar-6 Jul
649	64,087	Francesc Torres	MACBA	Barcelona	6 Jun-28 Sep	552	17,115	The World of Others	Museum of Contemporary Art	Shanghai	24 Jun-24 Jul
649	30,665	Konpira-San	Musée Guimet	Paris	15 Oct-8 Dec	551	29,823	Annual Contemporary Art Show	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	5 Mar-6 May
648	186,557	MACBA Collection	MACBA	Barcelona	7 Jul 07-8 Jun	550	50,450	Alice Creischer/Lothar Baumgarten	MACBA	Barcelona	1 Feb-18 May
645	90,965	Raw Nerve! The Political Art of Steve Brodner	Norman Rockwell Museum	Stockbridge	7 Jun-26 Oct	549	32,529	Eija-Liisa Ahtila/Denis Savary	Jeu de Paume	Paris	22 Jan-30 Mar
644	48,087	Stylized Sculpture/Hiroshi Sugimoto	Asian Art Museum	San Francisco	12 Oct 07-6 Jan	549	44,294	Nomeda & Gediminas Urbonas: Devices for Action	MACBA	Barcelona	14 Mar-15 Jun
642	49,085	The Age of Imagination	LACMA	Los Angeles	18 Jun-14 Sep	549	44,837	Joe Fafard	National Gallery of Canada	Ottawa	1 Feb-4 May
642	46,521	REMIX: Recent Acquisitions	Albright-Knox Art Gallery	Buffalo	11 Apr-27 Jul	548	23,489	Lisa Lapinski: The Fret and its Variants	Museum of Contemporary Art	Los Angeles	26 Jun-25 Aug
640	47,698	André Cadere	Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville	Paris	14 Feb-11 May	545	57,104	Temple Treasures of a Sacred Mountain Daigo-ji	Kunsthalle der Bundesrepublik	Bonn	25 Apr-24 Aug
638	82,823	Contemporary Art from the Collection	Stichting Kröller-Müller Museum	Otterlo	22 Dec 07-18 May	545	47,667	REMIX: Recent Acquisitions On Paper	Albright-Knox Art Gallery	Buffalo	25 Apr-24 Aug
638	53,152	The Musée Maillol Shows Off	Musée Maillol	Paris	20 Feb-2 Jun	544	24,802	In Situ	Ullens Centre	Beijing	17 Jul-7 Sep
634	46,273	Martin Puryear	Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth	Fort Worth	24 Feb-18 May	541	89,280	Made in China: the Estella Collection	Israel Museum	Jerusalem	18 Sep 07-1 Mar
630	74,293	Fantastic Realism	Österreichische Galerie Belvedere	Vienna	20 May-14 Sep	539	20,853	David Perlov: Photographs of Rossella Belluci	GNAM	Rome	4 Apr-18 May
629	31,910	Pegasus and the Heavenly Horses	Nara National Museum	Nara	4 Apr -1 Jun	538	52,439	REMIX: Colour and Light	Albright-Knox Art Gallery	Buffalo	21 Dec 07-4 May
629	59,270	Goya the Engraver	Petit Palais	Paris	13 Mar-8 Jul	537	13,426	Carla Accardi	Moscow Museum of Modern Art	Moscow	4-28 Sep
628	57,660	Kara Walker	Modern Art Museum	Fort Worth	5 Jul-19 Oct	537	29,094	Studio Room 1948-52	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	17 Mar-18 May
625	70,000	Camille Pissarro/Bruce Davidson	Jewish Museum	New York	16 Sep 07-3 Feb	535	51,711	Asier Mendizabal	MACBA	Barcelona	25 Jan-18 May
625	54,181	On Gold Mountain: Zhan Wang	Asian Art Museum	San Francisco	15 Feb-25 May	535	40,856	Painting Modern Life	Castello di Rivoli	Rivoli	6 Feb-4 May
623	39,083	Everett Gee Jackson	San Diego Museum of Art	San Diego	30 Nov 07-10 Feb	533	76,841	Mungo Thomson	Hammer Museum	Los Angeles	20 Jun-4 Dec
622	23,545	Treasures of Todai-ji's Omizutori Ritual	Nara National Museum	Nara	2 Feb-16 Mar	532	28,215	Unseen	Museum of Contemporary Art	Shanghai	27 Jan-19 Mar
621	123,528	Amazing Rare Things	The Queen's Gallery	London	14 Mar-28 Sep	532	150,000	Collaborators: UK Design for Performance	Victoria and Albert Museum	London	21 Nov 07-31 Aug
620	68,103	VOOM Portraits: Robert Wilson	Joslyn Art Museum	Omaha	5 Apr-10 Aug	527	15,801	Material Links	Museum of Contemporary Art	Shanghai	2-31 Aug
618	113,514	The Exciting Art of the 20th Century	Neue Nationalgalerie	Berlin	8 Nov 07-8 Jun	526	28,050	Alec Soth/Valérie Mréjen/Angela Detanico & Rafael Lain	Jeu de Paume	Paris	15 Apr-15 Jun
618	43,788	Impressionists by the Sea	The Phillips Collection	Washington	20 Oct 07-13 Jan	524	15,345	Recent Acquisitions	National Museum of Modern Art	Kyoto	5 Aug-7 Sep
617	27,041	Dream Women	Deichtorhallen Hamburg	Hamburg	20 Sep-9 Nov	522	48,500	Impressionist Interiors	National Gallery of Ireland	Dublin	10 May-10 Aug
616	45,000	Houston Collects/The Black List Project	Museum of Fine Arts Houston	Houston	3 Aug-26 Oct	522	47,080	Basque Artists from the Collection	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	11 Feb-25 May
615	39,978	Cultural Warriors: National Indigenous Art Triennial	Art Gallery of Western Australia	Perth	20 Sep-23 Nov	519	46,760	From Goya to Gauguin: 19th-century Works	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	16 Jun-28 Sep
615	49,104	The Art of Lee Miller	Philadelphia Museum of Art	Philadelphia	26 Jan-27 Apr	517	48,366	Mario Schifano	GNAM	Rome	12 Jun-28 Sep
615	24,347	Siggi Loch: Love My Life	Deichtorhallen Hamburg	Hamburg	25 Sep-9 Nov	517	32,519	Angela Ferreira: Hard Rain Show	Museu Coleção Berardo	Lisbon	10 Mar-11 May
614	50,949	Islamic Art: Edmund de Unger Collection	Pergamonmuseum	Berlin	27 Nov 07-17 Feb						
612	57,546	Laughing in a Foreign Language/Alexander Rodchenko	Hayward Gallery	London	25 Jan -27 Apr						

ASIAN TOP TEN



Japan dominates this category with six of the ten top shows. This year's top Asian show is also the most visited exhibition in our 2008 survey. The Nara National Museum's annual exhibition of the Shoso-in treasures, the imperial repository of the famed Todai-ji Temple, drew a staggering 17,926 people per day. Coming in second with 12,762 daily visitors is another display of temple treasures, this time at the Tokyo National Museum. In the west, the highest ranking show is the British Museum's "The First Emperor: China's Terracotta Army", which holds the number five slot in this category and is the second highest ranking exhibition in the UK (left, armoured infantryman, 221-206 BC). The only Indian show to make the top ten is a display in Washington, DC, of imperial Mughal albums from the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin. E.S.

17,926	263,765	60th Annual Exhibition of Shoso-in Treasures	Nara National Museum	Nara	25 Oct-10 Nov
12,762	794,909	National Treasures from Yakushi-ji Temple	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	25 Mar-8 Jun
9,531	326,784	Duelling Geniuses: Highlights of Japanese Artists	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	8 Jul-17 Aug
8,735	308,213	Treasures by Rinpa Masters	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	7 Oct-16 Nov
4,190					

Exhibition attendance figures 2008

SURVEY

This new section features shows that span time periods and/or categories but fall under one theme. The rococo made its mark with the international public last year: the 18th-century French court was twice a hit in Japan, and Marie Antoinette achieved a popularity in Paris that the "Autrichienne" never enjoyed in her lifetime. Hyped to the skies by its marketing departments and fraught with political complications at the last minute that brought it even more media coverage, the show of paintings from Russia at the Royal Academy had the crowds queuing round the courtyard. Canada makes an appearance in sixth place with an exhibition of more than 270 works loaned by the Louvre, Paris, as part of the city of Quebec's 400th anniversary celebrations. Right, Titian's *Venus of Urbino*, 1538, on view in Tokyo. **D.L.**



Daily	Total	Exhibition	Venue	City	Dates
5,573	349,524	Splendour at France's Royal Court	Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum	Tokyo	25 Jan-6 Apr
5,239	324,040	Colour Chart	Museum of Modern Art	New York	2 Mar-12 May
4,627	388,628	From Russia	Royal Academy of Arts	London	26 Jan-18 Apr
4,233	363,449	From Berlin to New York: Karl Nierendorf	Guggenheim Museum	New York	26 Jan-4 May
4,035	232,849	Splendour at France's Royal Court	Kobe City Museum	Kobe	26 Apr-7 Jul
3,760	464,576	The Louvre in Quebec: the Arts and Life	Musée des Beaux-Arts	Montréal	5 Jun-26 Oct
3,736	445,638	Borderline	Guggenheim	Bilbao	20 May-5 Oct
3,651	238,352	The Venus of Urbino: Myth and Images	National Museum of Western Art	Tokyo	4 Mar-18 May
3,494	575,503	Surreal Things	Guggenheim	Bilbao	29 Feb-7 Sep
3,468	321,500	Marie Antoinette	Grand Palais	Paris	15 Mar-30 Jun

COMBINED TICKET TOP TEN

Admission to shows in this section also includes entrance to other attractions, which distorts the exhibition attendance. For instance, the Colosseum in Rome issues combined tickets for exhibitions and entrance to the archaeological site while tickets to the Mori Art Museum in Tokyo also allow access to its popular observation platform. Meanwhile, tickets to enter the Hermitage and some Italian museums allow entry to the special exhibitions as well, and some museums do not count these separately. Right, a detail of a statue from the ancient Sanctuary of Hercules Victorious at Tivoli, which was among the 100 works including bas reliefs, frescos and bronzes, on view at the Colosseum in an exhibition examining the city's illustrious past from the Etruscans until the time of Constantine. **E.S.**



19,727	3,827,000	Roman Triumphs: the Days of Glory	Colosseum	Rome	5 Mar-14 Sep
15,178	2,701,718	The Unilever Series: Doris Salcedo	Tate Modern	London	9 Oct 07-6 Apr
7,397	690,000	When Versailles Was Furnished in Silver	Château de Versailles	Versailles	20 Nov 07-9 Mar
4,828	420,067	Annette Messager: the Messengers	Mori Art Museum	Tokyo	9 Aug-3 Nov
4,404	280,000	Boris Borisovich Piotrovsky: 100th Anniversary	State Hermitage Museum	St Petersburg	14 Feb-27 Apr
4,402	687,407	Giovanni da Milano	Galleria dell'Accademia	Florence	10 Jul-8 Dec
4,069	382,450	Rappongi Crossing 2007	Mori Art Museum	Tokyo	13 Oct 07-14 Jan
3,814	308,928	Farewell Exhibition for Ronald de Leeuw	Rijksmuseum	Amsterdam	12 Jun-31 Aug
3,764	301,106	History in the Making: Turner Prize Retrospective	Mori Art Museum	Tokyo	25 Apr-3 Jul
3,433	308,928	Our Guest Titian: Father and Son Reunited	Rijksmuseum	Amsterdam	25 Jun-22 Sep

LONDON TOP TEN

4,627	388,628	From Russia	Royal Academy of Arts	26 Jan-18 Apr
4,190	850,619	The First Emperor: China's Terracotta Army	British Museum	13 Sep 07-6 Apr
3,781	1,096,473	Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs	O2 Millennium Dome	15 Nov 07-30 Aug
2,665	245,159	Serpentine Gallery Pavilion by Frank Gehry	Serpentine Gallery	20 Jul-19 Oct
2,569	244,044	Hadrian: Empire and Conflict	British Museum	24 Jul-26 Oct
2,357	355,851	Prints from Hopper to Pollock, 1905-60	British Museum	10 Apr-7 Sep
2,108	147,552	Summer Exhibition	Royal Academy of Arts	9 Jun-17 Aug
1,938	143,441	Richard Prince: Continuation	Serpentine Gallery	26 Jun-7 Sep
1,933	183,596	Brilliant Women: 18th-century Bluestockings	National Portrait Gallery	13 Mar-15 Jun
1,896	197,200	Golden Age of Couture	Victoria and Albert Museum	22 Sep 07-6 Jan

PARIS TOP TEN

10,357	145,000	Images in the Night	Grand Palais Nave	18-31 Dec
5,177	480,000	Gustave Courbet	Grand Palais	13 Oct 07-28 Jan
4,186	424,000	The Workshop of Alberto Giacometti	Centre Pompidou	17 Oct 07-11 Feb
4,180	286,608	Babylon	Louvre	14 Mar-2 Jun
4,124	142,000	Richard Serra: Promenade	Grand Palais Nave	7 May-15 Jun
3,554	430,000	Arcimboldo	Musée du Luxembourg	15 Sep 07-13 Jan
3,468	321,500	Marie-Antoinette	Grand Palais	15 Mar-30 Jun
2,941	450,000	The Soldiers of Eternity: the Warriors of Xi'an	Pinacothèque	15 Apr-14 Sep
2,923	248,000	Louise Bourgeois	Centre Pompidou	5 Mar-12 Jun
2,906	242,000	Traces of the Sacred	Centre Pompidou	7 May-11 Aug

TOKYO TOP TEN

12,762	794,909	National Treasures from Yakushi-ji Temple	Tokyo National Museum	25 Mar-8 Jun
9,531	326,784	Duelling Geniuses: Highlights of Japanese Artists	Tokyo National Museum	8 Jul-17 Aug
8,735	308,213	Treasures by Rinpa Masters	Tokyo National Museum	7 Oct-16 Nov
6,725	268,058	Kail Higashiyama: a Retrospective	National Museum of Modern Art	29 Mar-18 May
6,339	223,671	Yokoyama Taikan: Fifty Years On	National Art Center Tokyo	23 Jan-3 Mar
5,573	349,524	Splendour at France's Royal Court	Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum	25 Jan-6 Apr
5,050	312,390	Picasso from the Musée National Picasso, Paris	National Art Center Tokyo	4 Oct-14 Dec
4,217	286,173	Corot: Memories and Variations	National Museum of Western Art	14 Jun-31 Aug
3,984	260,117	Modigliani and Primitivism	National Art Center Tokyo	26 Mar-9 Jun
3,889	40,553	2007 Japan Media Arts Festival	National Art Center Tokyo	6-17 Feb

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514	65,737	Piranesi as Designer	Cooper Hewitt	New York	14 Sep 07-20 Jan
513	66,152	Pechino 2008	Museo del Vetro	Murano	29 May-25 Oct
513	34,386	The World as a Stage	Tate Modern	London	24 Oct 07-1 Jan
512	39,298	Collecting Collections	Museum of Contemporary Art	Los Angeles	10 Feb-26 May
510	68,883	Provoking Magic: Lighting of Ingo Maurer	Cooper Hewitt	New York	14 Sep 07-27 Jan
509	26,969	BES Photo 2007	Museu Coleção Berardo	Lisbon	13 Mar-4 May
507	47,149	Black is Beautiful: Rubens to Dumas	De Nieuwe Kerk	Amsterdam	26 Jul-26 Oct
506	43,408	Uncreated Light: Steve Joy Paintings, 1980-2008	Joslyn Art Museum	Omaha	28 Jun-5 Oct
505	55,027	Imperishable Beauty: Art Nouveau Jewelry	Museum of Fine Arts	Boston	23 Jul-9 Nov
505	34,721	Martin Rico	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	11 Jan-30 Mar
504	66,152	Farevetro: Artistic Creation and Craft Techniques	Glass Museum	Venice	29 May-28 Oct
503	80,000	Masterpieces from the Barbier-Mueller Collection	Musée Jacquemart-André	Paris	19 Mar-24 Aug
502	39,917	Bridget Riley	Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville	Paris	12 Jun-14 Sep
501	36,127	Fabre and Italy	GAM	Turin	11 Mar-2 Jun
500	17,987	Anywhere Out of This World	Museum of Contemporary Art	Los Angeles	19 Nov 07-7 Jan
498	49,767	Vanity Fair Portraits: Photographs 1913-2008	Scottish National Gallery Complex	Edinburgh	14 Jun-21 Sep
497	33,320	Joan Eardley	Scottish National Gallery Complex	Edinburgh	6 Nov 07-13 Jan
497	38,425	Artemisia Gentileschi	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	1 Jul-28 Sep
497	57,852	Max Ernst: in the Garden of Nymph Ancolie	Museum Tinguely	Basel	12 Sep 07-27 Jan
496	59,510	Secrets and Ties	Israel Museum	Jerusalem	25 Jul-22 Nov
496	33,470	Sonic Youth Etc.: Sensational Fix	LIFE	Saint-Nazaire	18 Jun-7 Sep
494	4,935	Couples in Contemporary Art	Museum of Contemporary Art	Shanghai	22 Dec-31 Dec
494	47,462	Peter Blake: a Retrospective	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	3 Mar-22 Jun
491	42,132	Present Tense: Photographs by JoAnn Verburg	Walker Art Center	Minneapolis	12 Jan-20 Apr
491	32,233	Marlene Dumas: Measuring Your Own Grave	Museum of Contemporary Art	Los Angeles	22 Jun-22 Sep
489	45,730	Hannah Höch	Museum Tinguely	Basel	16 Jan-4 May
489	42,310	Modern Britain, 1900-60	National Gallery of Victoria	Melbourne	15 Nov 07-24 Feb
489	52,865	Rebirth and Passion for the Antique	Castello del Buonconsiglio	Trento	5 Jul-7 Nov
488	28,053	In the City: Works on Paper	Albright-Knox Art Gallery	Buffalo	18 Jan-6 Apr
485	18,772	Journey: Intercultural Encounter and Exchange	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	15 Dec 07-28 Jan
483	92,336	Campana Brothers Select	Cooper Hewitt	New York	15 Feb-24 Aug
481	46,165	Renoir at the Theatre: Looking at 'La Loge'	Courtauld Gallery	London	21 Feb-26 May
481	74,619	Let the World In: Prints by R. Rauschenberg	National Gallery of Art	Washington	28 Oct 07-30 Mar
481	47,524	Philip-Lorca diCorcia	LACMA	Los Angeles	23 May-14 Sep
480	48,000	Paintings from Poland: 1880-1939	National Gallery of Ireland	Dublin	17 Oct 07-27 Jan
480	42,000	Fattori and Naturalism in Tuscany	Villa Bardini	Florence	19 Mar-29 Jun
477	21,318	Barbara Zbrozyna: Sunlit Figures	Zacheta National Gallery of Art	Warsaw	28 Mar-18 May
476	34,308	True North	Deutsche Guggenheim	Berlin	2 Feb-13 Apr
475	25,627	Lucy Skaer	The Fruitmarket Gallery	Edinburgh	17 May-9 Jul
475	77,432	Pomp and Glory!	Wagenburg, Schönbrunn Palace	Vienna	19 Sep 07-28 Feb
475	36,679	Tintoretto: the Horse Picture	Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao	Bilbao	1 Apr-29 Jun
474	37,443	Roman Signer	The Fruitmarket Gallery	Edinburgh	2 Nov 07-27 Jan
472	28,786	Life's Pleasures	Detroit Institute of Arts	Detroit	2 Mar-25 May
471	48,529	Darwin's Canopy	Natural History Museum	London	4 Jun-14 Sep
470	37,130	Collier Schorr: Freeway Balconies	Deutsche Guggenheim	Berlin	5 Jul-21 Sep
468	62,254	Mimmo Paladino	Museo Nazionale di Villa Pisani	Stra	1 Jun-2 Nov
467	6,000	Cortonantiquaria	Palazzo Vagnotti	Cortona	30 Aug-14 Sep
465	28,774	Shadow: 5th Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art	Neue Nationalgalerie	Berlin	5 Apr-15 Jun
465	56,661	Eurasia: the Geographic Fading of Art	MART	Rovereto	28 Jun-16 Nov
465	52,227	Quattrocento in Rome	Museo Fondazione Roma	Rome	29 Apr-7 Sep
464	25,122	She-Documentalists	Zacheta National Gallery of Art	Warsaw	17 Mar-18 May
464	61,184	Guido Cagnacci: Protagonist of the 1600s	Musei San Domenico	Forlì	20 Jan-22 Jun
461	46,300	Art Machines/Machine Art	Museum Tinguely	Basel	5 Mar-29 Jun
461	53,432	Charles Guldner: Ranch Photographs	Joslyn Art Museum	Omaha	22 Sep 07-3 Feb
461	85,832	Woman Artists from the Renaissance to Surrealism	Palazzo Reale	Milan	4 Oct 07-6 Apr

NEW YORK TOP TEN

6,624	449,483	Dali: Painting and Film	Museum of Modern Art	29 Jun-15 Sep
6,571	393,322	Martin Puryear	Museum of Modern Art	4 Nov 07-14 Jan
6,535	521,871	Home Delivery	Museum of Modern Art	20 Jul-20 Oct
6,135	379,523	Take Your Time: Olafur Eliasson	Museum of Modern Art	20 Apr-30 Jun
5,696	576,901	Superheroes: Fashion and Fantasy	Metropolitan Museum of Art	7 May-1 Sep
5,427	324,874	Georges Seurat: the Drawings	Museum of Modern Art	28 Oct 07-7 Jan
5,239	324,040	Colour Chart	Museum of Modern Art	2 Mar-12 May
5,137	348,578	Design and the Elastic Mind	Museum of Modern Art	24 Feb-12 May
4,741	216,033	Gustave Courbet	Metropolitan Museum of Art	27 Mar-18 May
4,489	385,412	Kirchner and the Berlin Street	Museum of Modern Art	3 Aug-10 Nov

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2007 top ten

10,071	796,004	The Mind of Leonardo	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	20 Mar-17 Jun
9,273	704,420	Monet's Art and Its Posterity	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	7 Apr-2 Jul
9,067	425,492	Legacy of Tokugawa	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	10 Oct-2 Dec
8,585	737,074	Richard Serra Sculptures: 40 Years	Museum of Modern Art	New York	3 Jun-10 Sep
7,268	574,207	Masterpieces of French Painting from the Met	Museum of Fine Arts Houston	Houston	4 Feb-6 May
6,856	493,886	Milkmaid by Vermeer and Dutch Genre Painting	National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	26 Sep-17 Dec
6,239	482,179	From Cézanne to Picasso	Musée d'Orsay	Paris	19 Jun-16 Sept
6,115	677,000	Masterpieces of French Painting from the Met	Neue Nationalgalerie	Berlin	1 Jun-7 Oct
5,375	1,290,000	Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs	Franklin Institute	Philadelphia	3 Feb-30 Sep
5,269	330,446	What is Painting?	Museum of Modern Art	New York	7 Jul-17 Sep

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6,446	317,712	The Price Collection: Jakuchu	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	4 Jul-27 Aug
6,324	311,689	Leonard Foujita	National Museum of Modern Art	Tokyo	28 Mar-21 May
6,297	600,000	Klimt, Schiele, Moser, Kokoschka	Grand Palais	Paris	5 Oct 05-23 Jan
6,296	335,489	Shaping Faith: Japanese Buddhist Statues	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	3 Oct-3 Dec
6,184	419,653	Edward Munch: the Modern Life of the Soul	Museum of Modern Art	New York	19 Feb-8 May
6,039	213,104	Faith and Syncretism	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	28 Mar-7 May
5,448	379,000	Ingres, 1780-1867	Louvre	Paris	24 Feb-15 Apr
5,443	707,534	Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs	Museum of Art	Fort Lauderdale	15 Dec 05-23 May
5,383	185,334	Twin Peaks: Chinese and Japanese Calligraphy	Tokyo National Museum	Tokyo	11 Jan-19 Feb
5,278	370,970	Max Beckmann: Watercolours and Pastels	Guggenheim Museum	Bilbao	27 Jun-17 Sep

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