# The Art Heist of the Century: The Hunt for the Missing Masterpiece

On March 18, 1990, two thieves disguised as police officers brazenly stole a priceless masterpiece from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. The stolen painting, "The Concert" by Johannes Vermeer, was valued at over \$200 million, making it one of the most valuable pieces of art ever stolen.



### The Rescue Artist: A True Story of Art, Thieves, and the Hunt for a Missing Masterpiece by Edward Dolnick

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The heist sent shockwaves through the art world and sparked a massive investigation involving the FBI, Interpol, and countless art detectives. For over three decades, authorities have relentlessly pursued the missing masterpiece, following every lead and investigating every suspect.

In "The Art Heist of the Century," investigative journalist Jack Higgins delves into the gripping true story behind the theft of "The Concert" and the

relentless pursuit to recover it. Higgins has spent years interviewing key players in the investigation, including FBI agents, art historians, and even the suspects themselves.

The book meticulously reconstructs the events leading up to the heist, from the meticulous planning of the thieves to the daring execution of the crime. Higgins reveals the inside secrets of the investigation, including the false leads, the dead ends, and the breakthroughs that ultimately brought authorities closer to the truth.

At the heart of the book is the enigmatic figure of Myles Connor Jr., a career criminal who became the prime suspect in the heist. Higgins delves into Connor's past, his connections to the underworld, and his possible involvement in the theft.

As the investigation unfolds, Higgins also explores the fascinating world of art theft, from the shadowy figures who steal masterpieces to the sophisticated methods they use to do it. He explains the challenges of tracking stolen art, the role of insurance companies, and the underground economy that exists around stolen cultural artifacts.

"The Art Heist of the Century" is a gripping tale of crime, intrigue, and the relentless pursuit of justice. It is a must-read for anyone interested in true crime, art history, or the shadowy world of art theft.

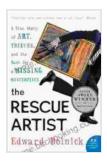
#### Praise for "The Art Heist of the Century":

"A fascinating and gripping account of one of the most audacious art heists in history. Higgins skillfully weaves together the details of the crime, the investigation, and the personalities involved, creating a captivating

narrative that will keep readers on the edge of their seats." - *New York Times Book Review* 

"A must-read for anyone interested in true crime or art history. Higgins' meticulous research and engaging writing style make this book a fascinating exploration of a crime that has captivated the public for decades." - Washington Post Book World

"A gripping and suspenseful tale that reveals the inner workings of a major art heist and the relentless pursuit to recover the stolen masterpiece. Higgins' insights into the investigation and the characters involved make this book a gripping read from beginning to end." - *The Guardian* 



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