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BANKSY'S SELF-DESTRUCTING ARTWORK SELLS AGAIN FOR EYE-WATERING¹ FIGURE

LONDON (AP) — A work by British street artist Banksy that sensationally self-shredded² just after it sold at auction three years ago fetched almost 18.6 million pounds (\$25.4 million) on Thursday — a record for the artist, and close to 20 times its pre-shredded price. [...]

The piece consists of a half-shredded canvas in an ornate frame bearing a spray-painted image of a girl reaching for a heart-shaped red balloon.

When it last sold at Sotheby's in October 2018, the piece was known as "Girl With Balloon." Just as an anonymous female European buyer made the winning bid — for 1 million pounds (\$1.4 million) — a hidden shredder embedded in the frame by Banksy whirred³ to life, leaving half the canvas hanging from the frame in strips. [...]

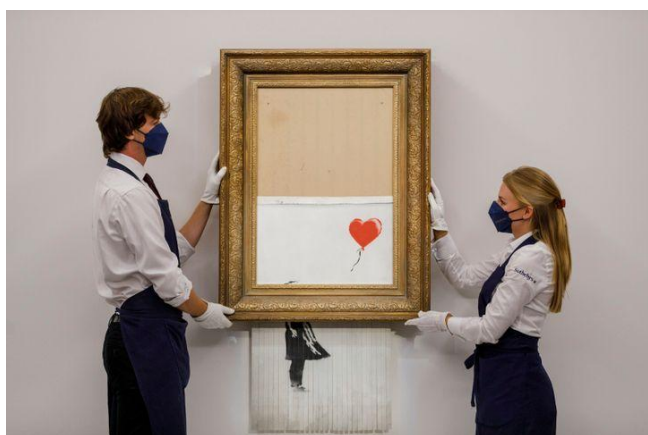
Alex Branczik, Sotheby's chairman of modern and contemporary art, called the shredding "one of the most ingenious moments of performance art this century." [...]

"Banksy is no stranger to making headlines and this latest chapter in his story has captured imaginations across the world — we can only begin to guess what might come next."

www.huffpost.com, October 15, 2021

1. eye-watering figure: a very high price
2. shredded: cut into very small pieces
3. whirred: vibrated

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*'Love is in the bin' Sotheby's in London
www.huffpost.com, 2018*



*'The girl with a balloon'
www.flickr.com, 2002*

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