

The 100 Most Powerful Women in Art: Part One

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Tracey Emin: Part of the "Young British Artists," Emin is most recognized for her confessional and provocative works. In 2007, she was made a Royal Academician

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There are so many ways to exercise influence and power in the art world but one thing is abundantly clear: Women play a leading role. artnet News continues its yearlong celebration of women in the art world with "The 100 Most Powerful Women in Art." Our list, which is divided into three parts, is arranged alphabetically to avoid the perception of a ranking: We are celebrating the achievements of women in the art world, period. The list was developed in consultation with art world denizens throughout Europe, Asia, and the United States. They helped us compile a working list of the most powerful women in the art business. From the initial list of more than 300 names, the editors at artnet News chose 100. Read on below and in reports over the next week to find out who is playing at the top of her game.

1. Marina Abramović, Artist
2. Sheikha Al-Mayassa, Chairperson of Qatar Museums
3. Sheikha Hoor Al-Qasimi, President of Sharjah Art Foundation
4. Maria Baibakova, Founder of Baibakov Art Projects
5. Bambi, Artist
6. Phyllida Barlow, Artist
7. Iwona Blazwick, Director of Whitechapel Gallery
8. Marianne Boesky, Gallerist
9. Karen Boros, Collector
10. Caroline Bourgeois, Curator
11. Jinqing Caroline Cai, Managing Director of Christie's China
12. Melissa Chiu, Director of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
13. Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev, Curator and Author
14. Sadie Coles, Gallerist
15. Paula Cooper, Gallerist
16. Maike Cruse, Director of Art Berlin Contemporary
17. Bice Curiger, Curator at the Kunsthaus Zürich
18. Clarissa Dalrymple, Curator
19. Nathalie De Gunzburg, Chairman of Dia Art Foundation
20. Donna De Salvo, Chief Curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art
21. Lisa Dennison, Chair of Sotheby's North and South America
22. Maryam Eisler, Collector
23. Tracey Emin, Artist