



## SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sales Catalogs

SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sales Catalogs is the only online union catalog of auction catalog records in existence. This database provides bibliographic access to auction sales catalogs from all major North American and European auction houses as well as private sales—valuable sources of information on the provenance of art objects and rare books, the history of collection, and contemporary and historical market trends. SCIPIO is available only from OCLC.

### Key features

**An easy-to-use interface:** The OCLC FirstSearch interface\* accommodates searchers of all skill levels—basic, advanced and expert. The interface is available in many languages (English, French, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and traditional and simplified Chinese), and it displays the accents and diacritics in non-English records. Like most FirstSearch databases, SCIPIO is also available via Z39.50 access.

**Powerful search capabilities:** Use field-specific indexing for word and exact-phrase searching, and browse all of the database indexes. Users can also limit their searches by year and other standard search limits.

\*By September 2007, OCLC will migrate SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sales Catalogs to the OCLC FirstSearch platform. Current Eureka customers will receive advance notice of the migration.

### Key advantages

**Outstanding depth:** Catalogs recorded in SCIPIO date from the late 16<sup>th</sup> century to scheduled auctions not yet held, and cover the sale of items such as manuscripts and world art—sculpture, drawings, prints, photographs, musical instruments, furniture, objets d’art, decorative and applied arts—from all time periods.

**Essential for serious research:** SCIPIO is a valuable source of information on the provenance of art objects and rare books, the history of collecting, and contemporary and historical market trends. Art historians and art dealers find it a necessary reference for locating collectors’ names and validating ownership history. Librarians and other use it to verify the existence and location of specific auction catalogs.



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**Detailed records:** Records in SCIPIO contain information on dates and places of sale, catalog title, the auction house, sellers, institutional holdings and more. The records include many indexed terms, including: auction house name; title information; date of sale; sale code; place of sale; collector or seller name(s); name(s) of individual auctioneer(s); subject heading(s); and Lugt, Lancour, Blogie and other citation numbers.

**Links to library holdings in WorldCat:** SCIPIO users need to know where to find the resources their searching uncovers, and WorldCat helps them do that in several ways. They can view a list of libraries (or library groups) in your region or state that own specific items. They can view or search your library's OPAC to access local holdings information. And they can view detailed holdings information in the OCLC Local Holdings service.

### **SCIPIO content will be accessible in several ways.**

Records from SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sales Catalogs will be available in the WorldCat database by September 2007. At that time, OCLC will provide several ways for users to access SCIPIO content.

- Users will have access to SCIPIO content on a general level through WorldCat.org.
- Researchers that require more advanced searching of SCIPIO content may subscribe to it as a separate subscription database on FirstSearch, with full support for SCIPIO's unique indexes such as the date of sale index.
- Users who wish to view the MARC tags in SCIPIO records may subscribe to WorldCat through OCLC's Connexion service for cataloging.

### **Ordering and more information**

To order an annual subscription to the SCIPIO database and for more information, contact your OCLC regional service provider or OCLC Library Services representative (1-800-848-5878 or [libservices@oclc.org](mailto:libservices@oclc.org)). Learn more: [www.oclc.org/services/reference/rlg/](http://www.oclc.org/services/reference/rlg/)