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The Year of the Artist

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It's been a banner year for the Asian arts scene, with record auction sales, major gallery openings and the rising international renown of a handful of top Asian artists.

Elsewhere, collectors from Indonesia in particular pushed up the price of top-selling lots of Southeast Asian art at auction and at galleries. Among the most coveted names was Agus Suwage, who has been busy in his Yogyakarta studio preparing for his first New York show, due to open in March at Tyler Rollins Fine Art, one of the city's top venues and the only major gallery in New York featuring top contemporary Southeast Asian works.