



The Eleventh Painting

Ad Astra School Admissions
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Varo Varo was a famous painter born in La Paz, Mexico in 1908. She grew up poor and sadly, died young. In her celebrated career, it was believed that Varo Varo only created 10 paintings. Unfortunately, her brilliant paintings were all destroyed in the Mexico City Earthquake of 1985. Only photographs remain of her majestic and entrancing work.

While rebuilding after yet another earthquake in 2018, workers discovered a new Varo Varo painting hidden under the town hall. Not only was this painting perfectly intact, but art critics think it is the best of Varo Varo’s paintings and one of the most important pieces of 20th century surrealist art.

The discovery of the painting makes international headlines, and the art world is abuzz with two questions– *what will happen to Varo Varo’s Eleventh Painting, and who will get the chance to see it?*

Varo Varo requested that any money made from her paintings be donated towards arts education for the children of La Paz, Mexico. Based on the information below, where should the painting be sold? Rank the options from best (#1) to worst (#5) and please explain why.

	Admission Price	Visitors	Price Offer	Explanation
La Paz Art Museum	FREE	50,000/year	\$500,000	The art museum from Varo Varo’s hometown will feature <i>The Eleventh Painting</i> in its own room and give free admission to all.
Museum of Modern Art (MOMA)	\$30	2.5 million/year	\$4,000,000	One of the best modern art museums in the world, the MOMA in New York City would include <i>Eleventh Painting</i> in a room with other Mexican Surrealists.
The Louvre	\$20	10 million/year	\$1,000,000	The most visited art museum in the world would place the painting in their small modern wing. Varo Varo would be the first Mexican woman artist ever in the Louvre.
Private Collector	PRIVATE	8/year	\$25,000,000	This private collector will display the painting in the play room of Friskers, his pet cat. The public will not be able to view the art.
AFC (Art Fair Company)	\$10	5 million/year	\$2,000,000	The art will be on tour with other famous surrealist paintings. The exhibition will start in La Paz, and travel to a total of 20 cities in 20 years. At the end of the tour, the company will sell the painting to the highest bidder and keep the profit.