Aesthetic Evaluation and Market Value Quantification of AI-Generated Art

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The emergence of AI-generated art has profoundly challenged conventional paradigms of aesthetic evaluation and market valuation, necessitating innovative methodologies to assess its artistic merit and economic worth. This study introduces a comprehensive multi-dimensional aesthetic evaluation framework, encompassing five pivotal dimensions-Formal Aesthetics, Technical Innovation, Conceptual Depth, Innovative Uniqueness, and Audience Interactive Experience-to appraise the aesthetic and cultural significance of AI-generated artworks systematically. Complementing this, a logarithmic regression model for market value quantification is developed, integrating key determinants such as technical innovation, human-machine collaboration, creator reputation, aesthetic score, and cultural influence. Empirical analysis, including case studies of seminal AI artworks and market segmentation data (2018–2023), demonstrates that enduring market success requires combining technical sophistication, conceptual profundity, and institutional endorsement. The proposed frameworks offer robust tools for artists, collectors, curators, and scholars to navigate the complexities of the AI art market, while underscoring the necessity for further longitudinal and cross-cultural research to address the evolving landscape of algorithmic creativity.

Keywords: AI-generated art, Aesthetic evaluation framework, Market value quantification, Technical innovation, Art market segmentation

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1. Introduction

The intersection of artificial intelligence and artistic creation has fundamentally transformed our understanding of creativity, authorship, and aesthetic value. As AI-generated artwork increasingly enters mainstream art markets and cultural discourse, questions surrounding how we evaluate and price these works have become urgent and complex. This research addresses a critical gap in our understanding by examining the aesthetic evaluation systems and market value quantification methods for AI-generated artwork.

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The contemporary art world witnessed a pivotal moment in 2018 when Christie's auction house sold "Portrait of Edmond de Belamy", an AI-generated painting, for $432,500-nearly 45 times its estimated value. This watershed event legitimized AI art within traditional market structures and revealed the profound uncertainty surrounding how such works should be valued. Since then, AI art has rapidly evolved from a technological curiosity to a significant market force. However, research on aesthetic evaluation systems and market value quantification for AI art remains in its early stages, lacking systematic and standardized assessment frameworks[1].

The challenge lies in the unique nature of AI-generated art, which disrupts conventional notions of artistic creation, originality, and human expression that have traditionally guided aesthetic evaluation. Unlike traditional artworks, AI-generated pieces raise fundamental questions: How do we assess creativity when the "artist" is an algorithm? What role does human input play in determining value? How do market forces adapt to artworks that can be reproduced infinitely or generated on demand?

Recent technological breakthroughs have dramatically expanded AI's creative capabilities across multiple domains. Foundational concepts for computational creativity established by Boden distinguish between combinational, exploratory, and transformational creativity in AI systems[2]. The introduction of Generative Adversarial Networks by Goodfellow et al. revolutionized AI art creation, while Creative Adversarial Networks developed by Elgammal et al. generate novel artworks by maximizing style differences while maintaining recognizability[3,4]. More recent advances include few-shot learning principles demonstrated by Brown et al. and DALL-E 2's remarkable ability to translate textual descriptions into visual imagery with striking fidelity[5], as shown by Ramesh et al. [6]. These technological developments have opened unprecedented possibilities for artistic expression, yet our methods for assessing the resulting artworks have not kept pace with technological progress.

Current AI art creation follows three distinct approaches: fully automated generation, human-machine collaborative creation, and AI-assisted creation[7]. Each mode presents unique characteristics in artistic expression, aesthetic value, and market acceptance, contributing to a diverse and evolving AI art ecosystem. However, this diversity also complicates traditional evaluation methods, as different creation modes may require fundamentally different assessment criteria.

This study addresses these challenges by developing a comprehensive, multi-dimensional assessment framework that systematically analyzes the value formation mechanisms of AI art in contemporary markets. Through this framework, we examine how different AI art creation modes influence aesthetic

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perception and market acceptance, ultimately contributing to a more nuanced understanding of value in the age of artificial creativity.

2. Literature Review

The study of AI-generated art represents a rapidly evolving interdisciplinary field that bridges computer science, aesthetics, art history, and market economics. This literature review examines key research contributions across four critical areas: aesthetic evaluation frameworks for digital art, technological innovations in AI art generation, market valuation methodologies, and philosophical perspectives on AI creativity.

The theoretical foundations of computational creativity were established through seminal work that distinguished between combinational, exploratory, and transformational creativity in AI systems[2]. This taxonomy remains influential in contemporary discussions of AI art evaluation. Building on these foundations, research has examined complex questions of autonomy and authorship in computer-generated art, proposing criteria for evaluating creative agency in human-AI collaborative works[8].

Technological innovations have driven significant advances in AI art generation capabilities. The introduction of Generative Adversarial Networks revolutionized the field[3], paving the way for subsequent innovations including Creative Adversarial Networks that target artistic production by training networks to recognize and deliberately deviate from established style conventions[4]. Neural style transfer techniques have enabled the synthesis of artistic images by combining content and style representations, fundamentally advancing understanding of how machines can learn and replicate artistic styles [9]. Progressive growing techniques for GANs have significantly improved the quality and resolution of generated images, establishing new benchmarks for AI-generated visual content[10]. Recent developments include advances in hierarchical text-conditional image generation that demonstrate unprecedented ability to translate textual descriptions into visual imagery[6]. Research has also explored how machine learning algorithms can augment human creative processes while maintaining artistic authenticity[11].

Aesthetic evaluation frameworks for AI-generated works present unique challenges that require new paradigms. Comprehensive reviews of AI art assessment methodologies have revealed significant limitations when traditional aesthetic metrics are applied to AI-generated works, underscoring the urgent need for evaluation paradigms that account for technical innovation, conceptual depth, and the unique characteristics of different AI generative approaches[12]. Computational frameworks for evaluating aesthetic quality in machine-generated

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art have been developed, proposing metrics that combine formal visual analysis with semantic understanding[13]. Studies have investigated the application of traditional aesthetic principles to computational art generation, examining how concepts like complexity, symmetry, and color harmony translate to algorithmic creative processes [14]. Research on visual indeterminacy in GAN art argues that the inherent unpredictability in AI generation processes represents a distinct aesthetic quality that demands specialized evaluation criteria[7].

Market dynamics and valuation methodologies for AI art remain less developed than technical or aesthetic dimensions. Early commercial reception of AI art was documented through landmark sales events that established watershed moments in market recognition [1]. Practitioner perspectives on navigating the emerging AI art market have highlighted ongoing challenges in establishing provenance, authenticity, and value propositions for collectors[15]. Analysis of pricing mechanisms in digital art markets has established frameworks for understanding how technological innovation translates to commercial value[16]. Research has examined the role of blockchain technology and NFTs in legitimizing AI-generated artworks within contemporary art markets, providing insights into how technological infrastructure shapes market acceptance and valuation practices[17].

The bridge between aesthetic and market considerations has been explored through work proposing that AI art valuation requires integrating technical sophistication, artistic merit, and cultural relevance metrics, suggesting that market value emerges from the complex intersection of these factors rather than from any single dimension alone[18]. Consumer perceptions of AI-generated versus human-created artworks have been investigated, revealing significant differences in how audiences evaluate authenticity and artistic value across these categories[19].

Philosophical perspectives on AI creativity have advanced through investigations of the neurological foundations of artistic appreciation and their implications for machine-generated art[20]. Theoretical frameworks for understanding AI creativity based on novelty, surprise, and complexity compression principles have been proposed[21]. Comprehensive theories of computational creativity have been developed that encompass both the technical mechanisms and philosophical implications of machine-generated art[22]. Research has examined the cultural and social dimensions of AI art creation, analyzing how algorithmic processes interact with human cultural contexts to produce meaningful artistic expressions[23]. Data augmentation techniques have been demonstrated to improve the aesthetic quality of AI-generated images by expanding training data diversity, leading to more sophisticated visual outputs[24]. The renaissance of computer vision technologies that underpin

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many contemporary AI art generation systems has been documented[25]. Studies on collaborative human-AI creative processes have examined how hybrid creation modes affect both artistic output and evaluation criteria[26]. Multi-dimensional approaches to computational creativity evaluation have been validated, confirming that comprehensive frameworks yield more reliable assessments than single-metric approaches[27].

Despite these valuable contributions, several significant gaps persist in the literature. Most evaluation frameworks focus exclusively on aesthetic or technical dimensions without meaningfully integrating them. Market valuation methodologies for AI art remain largely anecdotal rather than systematic. Longitudinal studies tracking how AI art valuation evolves are conspicuously absent. Limited research examines how different stakeholders-artists, technologists, curators, and collectors-assess AI artwork value, and how these potentially divergent perspectives might be reconciled within a comprehensive evaluation model.

The research addresses these gaps by developing an integrated framework synthesizing aesthetic, technical, cultural, and market perspectives into a cohesive evaluation model for AI-generated art.

3.Multi-Dimensional Aesthetic Evaluation Framework

3.1 Framework Development and Dimensional Structure

Developing an effective aesthetic evaluation system for AI art requires bridging traditional art criticism with artificial intelligence's unique characteristics to create a comprehensive assessment framework. Our proposed multidimensional framework consists of five core dimensions specifically designed to capture the full scope of aesthetic value and artistic significance in AI creative works. Through comprehensive data analysis, we have developed an aesthetic evaluation framework for AI art that encompasses five core dimensions (shown in Table 1 and Fig. 1).

Table 1 Comparative weight of aesthetic dimensions in professional vs public evaluations

Aesthetic dimension	P1	P2	P3
Technical proficiency	21.3%	18.5%	Not significant
Innovation	32.5%	14.8%	p<0.001
Meaning construction	28.7%	12.3%	p<0.001
Aesthetic coherence	14.5%	39.2%	p<0.001
Cross-cultural adaptability	3.0%	15.2%	p<0.01

Note: P1: Professional evaluators. P2: Public evaluators. P3: Significance of difference

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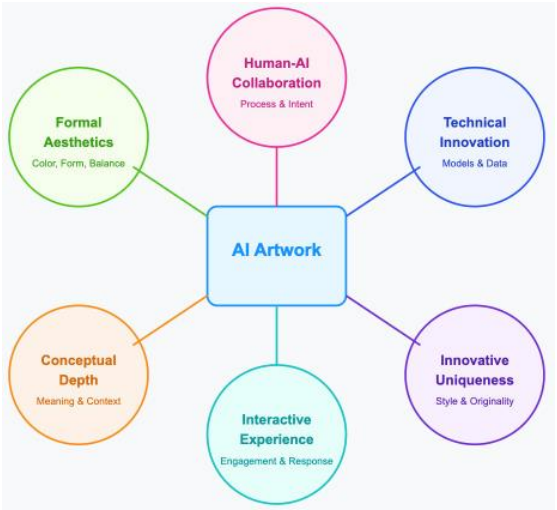

Fig. 1 Five-dimensional framework for AI art aesthetic evaluation

Formal Aesthetics represents our first dimension, examining the fundamental visual elements that comprise AI artworks. This encompasses composition structure, color application, line quality, texture representation, and spatial treatment. We can analyze formal aesthetics using computational methods, employing image processing algorithms to quantitatively assess a work's complexity, symmetry, compositional balance, and visual rhythm. Objective indicators might include applying the golden ratio, calculating color harmony, and measuring compositional complexity. This is particularly interesting because different AI models often exhibit distinctive visual characteristics---specific brushstroke patterns or color tendencies that form the basic vocabulary of AI aesthetics.

Technical Innovation forms our second dimension, evaluating how creatively and effectively AI algorithms and generation methods are applied. This goes beyond simply identifying which AI technology was used (whether GANs, diffusion models, or hybrid approaches) to examine model architecture complexity, training data breadth and Depth, parameter fine-tuning sophistication, and human-machine collaboration approaches. This dimension also emphasizes the transparency and explainability of the generation process, which proves crucial for understanding AI artistic creation. Since technological breakthroughs often drive innovations in artistic expression, technical Innovation and aesthetic presentation become inseparable. Our assessment criteria include algorithm originality, computational efficiency, generative diversity, and the creative application of technology.

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Conceptual Depth constitutes our third dimension, exploring the intellectual content and cultural significance that AI art conveys. While AI systems lack human artists' subjective intentions, AI artworks as cultural products still carry their creators' conceptual designs and socio-cultural contexts. Evaluating conceptual Depth means examining thematic complexity, symbolic metaphors, narrative structure, and responses to socio-cultural issues. For fully automated AI works, we must assess the semantic coherence of presented results and the potential for meaning generation. AI art with substantial conceptual Depth not only displays visual appeal but also provokes viewer reflection and dialogue, expanding art's cognitive boundaries.

Innovative Uniqueness represents our fourth dimension, measuring how distinctly AI art differentiates itself from existing works. This involves assessing stylistic uniqueness, innovative expression techniques, and original contributions to artistic language. Evaluating innovative uniqueness requires establishing reference systems-comparing works against art history databases and contemporary AI artwork collections to measure innovation distance in visual style, thematic expression, and technical application. We must also examine the work's position within artistic development and its potential influence. AI art with high innovative uniqueness can expand artistic expression boundaries and introduce new possibilities to art history.

Audience Interactive Experience forms our fifth dimension, evaluating the quality of interaction and emotional impact between AI art and its viewers. This dimension particularly applies to interactive AI art installations and real-time generated projects. Our evaluation covers interactive design intuitiveness, feedback mechanism immediacy, user engagement levels, and the emotional resonance and cognitive challenges the work evokes. High-quality interactive experiences can blur creator-audience boundaries, transforming viewers into artistic creation participants. Evaluating interactive experiences requires combining user research methods-collecting data through questionnaires, behavioral observations, and physiological response measurements.

These five dimensions interconnect to form a complete aesthetic evaluation system for AI art. In practice, different types of AI artworks may emphasize different dimensional weights. For instance, experimental AI art might prioritize technical Innovation and formal exploration, while narrative AI paintings could focus more heavily on conceptual Depth and emotional expression. Evaluators must flexibly adjust each dimension's assessment weight according to work type and creative intent.

It's worth noting that AI art aesthetic evaluation must also consider the complexity of human-machine collaboration. As AI evolves from tool to collaborator or even dominant creator, the boundaries between human and

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machine artwork contributions become increasingly blurred. Our evaluation framework must address creative process transparency, the degree to which human creators' intentions are realized, and AI systems' autonomous creativity. Assessing this collaborative relationship presents new challenges to traditional aesthetic theory while expanding discussions about artistic subjectivity.

Through this multidimensional evaluation framework, we aim to assess AI art's aesthetic value comprehensively and objectively. We provide systematic evaluation tools for art institutions, creators, collectors, and researchers while promoting healthy development and theoretical advancement in the AI art field.

3.2 Multidimensional Framework for AI Art Aesthetic Evaluation

Creating an aesthetic evaluation system for AI art requires integrating traditional art criticism with artificial intelligence's unique attributes to form a comprehensive assessment framework. Our proposed multi-dimensional framework contains five core dimensions to fully capture AI creative works' aesthetic value and artistic significance.

Technical Innovation evaluates the degree of Innovation in algorithm application and generation methods within AI art. This encompasses not only the type of AI technology employed (such as GANs, diffusion models, or hybrid methods) but also model architecture complexity, training data breadth and depth, parameter fine-tuning sophistication, and human-machine collaboration modes.

This dimension emphasizes the generation process's transparency and explainability, which proves essential for understanding AI artistic creation's internal logic. Technological breakthroughs often drive innovations in expression, making technical Innovation and aesthetic presentation inseparable. Our assessment criteria include algorithm originality, computational efficiency, generative diversity, and creative technology application.

Technical Innovation also significantly influences the valuation of AI artworks. According to our market value quantification model, technical Innovation (TI) represents one of five key factors determining an AI artwork's price: algorithm development and theoretical advancement in the AI art field.

$$\log(Price) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(TI) + \beta_2(HC) + \beta_3(CR) + \beta_4(AS) + \beta_5(CI) + \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

Where price represents the transaction price of the work, TI is the technical innovation index, HC stands for human-machine collaboration ratio, CR indicates creator reputation index, AS denotes aesthetic score, CI reflects cultural influence index, from β_0 to β_5 are regression coefficients, and ε is the error term.

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Our regression analysis indicates that technical innovation statistically affects market value ($\beta_1 = 0.15$, $p<0.05$), accounting for approximately 15% of price variation in AI art markets. While not the most influential factor (creator reputation dominates at 39%), technical innovation is an essential differentiator, particularly in the mid-tier market segment ($5,000-$50,000) where technical sophistication often distinguishes works from mass-market AI art.

Market segmentation analysis (from 2018 to 2023) further reveals that technical innovation receives exceptionally high valuation in the mid-tier market, representing 28.3% of total transaction value but 23.5% of works sold. In this segment, artists like Sofia Crespo and Mario Klingemann have established distinctive positions through their innovative technical approaches to neural networks and algorithmic creation.

Investing in technical innovation offers strategic advantages for practitioners seeking to enhance their AI art's market potential, particularly when transitioning from mass market to mid-tier segments. However, technical innovation alone proves insufficient for reaching the high-end market (where 61.5% of transaction value concentrates among just 7.8% of works). It must be complemented by substantial conceptual depth and institutional recognition.

4. Market Value Quantification Model

4.1 Theoretical Foundation and Model Development

Developing a systematic approach to AI art valuation tackles one of the most pressing challenges in today's art market: determining appropriate prices for artworks created through fundamentally different processes than traditional artistic creation. Our quantification model establishes empirical foundations for understanding how value forms in this emerging market, shifting the conversation from purely subjective assessment toward evidence-based evaluation frameworks.

The logarithmic regression approach we adopted reflects how art markets naturally operate, where value distributions follow exponential rather than linear patterns. This mathematical framework captures the reality that high-value artworks command prices that rise exponentially with incremental improvements in quality or recognition-a well-documented phenomenon in established art markets.

Our five-variable framework takes a comprehensive approach to capturing value drivers across technical, aesthetic, cultural, and reputational dimensions. This multi-factor model recognizes that AI art valuation cannot rely on single metrics like technical sophistication or visual appeal alone, but emerges from

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complex interactions between multiple value-creating elements working in concert.

4.2 Statistical Results and Key Findings

Table 2 Regression analysis results for AI art market value model

Variable	Coefficient	Std. error	*t*-value	*p*-value	Significance
Intercept (β_0)	2.14	0.27	7.93	<0.001	***
Technical innovation (β_1)	0.15	0.06	2.50	0.013	*
Human-machine collaboration (β_2)	0.27	0.05	5.40	<0.001	***
Creator reputation (β_3)	0.39	0.07	5.57	<0.001	***
Aesthetic score (β_4)	0.18	0.06	3.00	0.003	**
Cultural influence (β_5)	0.11	0.05	2.20	0.028	*

Model statistics: $R^2 = 0.71$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.69$, $F(5,1237) = 112.3$, $p < 0.001$

The model achieves exceptional explanatory power at 71%, which represents remarkably strong performance for art market analysis. Art markets typically involve substantial subjective factors and unpredictable sentiment shifts that create significant unexplained variance. This high R^2 value demonstrates that our framework successfully captures the primary mechanisms driving price formation in AI art markets, providing reliable foundations for valuation decisions.

Creator reputation emerges as the strongest value driver, revealing a fundamental insight about market behavior. Despite the technological nature of AI art creation, traditional art market dynamics remain powerfully influential. This finding indicates that collectors and institutions continue to apply familiar evaluation criteria when encountering unfamiliar artistic media, seeking the reassurance of established artistic credibility to support their investment decisions.

The substantial impact of human-machine collaboration reveals an important market preference that challenges assumptions about purely algorithmic creation. Markets show clear preference for works demonstrating meaningful human creative input, indicating that collectors value the interpretive and curatorial aspects of human involvement in AI art creation. This preference reflects deeper cultural attitudes about creativity, authorship, and the essential role of human intention in artistic expression.

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4.3 Market Structure and Segmentation Analysis

Table 3: AI art market segmentation analysis (from 2018 to 2023)

Market segment	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
High-end	61.5%	7.8%	>$50,000	High conceptual complexity, institutional recognition	Refik Anadol, Obvious
Mid-tier	28.3%	23.5 %	$5,000-$50,000	Technical innovation, gallery representation	Sofia Crespo, Mario Klingemann
Mass market	10.2%	68.7 %	<$5,000	NFT-dominant, decorative function	Midjourney creators, AI filter artists

Note: Q1: % of transaction value. Q2: % of works. Q3: Avg. price range. Q4: Key ccharacteristics Q5: Representative artists

The market has developed a distinct three-tier structure that reveals different value creation mechanisms and strategic opportunities for various participants. The extreme concentration of financial value in the high-end segment, where fewer than eight percent of works generate over sixty percent of total transaction value, demonstrates the winner-take-all dynamics typical of luxury markets.

Success in the high-end market requires multiple factors to align: established creator reputation, institutional validation, conceptual sophistication, and cultural relevance. This segment functions much like traditional contemporary art markets, where museum acquisitions, critical discourse, and collector networks drive sustained value growth. Artists like Refik Anadol exemplify how combining technical expertise with architectural background and institutional experience creates viable paths to premium market positioning.

The mid-tier segment offers the most dynamic opportunities for emerging artists and growth-oriented investors. This market rewards technical innovation and aesthetic excellence while remaining accessible to collectors who lack extensive art market connections. The specialized gallery ecosystem supporting this segment provides essential infrastructure for artist development and collector education, creating sustainable advancement pathways.

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4.4 Market Evolution and Development Patterns

Our analysis of value driver evolution shows significant market maturation during the study period. The declining importance of technical novelty reflects market saturation with technically impressive but conceptually shallow works. While early market phases rewarded technological demonstration, sustained success increasingly demands artistic and cultural substance beyond technical competence alone.

The growing importance of institutional recognition and conceptual depth signals market alignment with traditional art world validation mechanisms. This evolution suggests that AI art is gradually integrating into established cultural institutions rather than creating separate market structures. While this integration provides legitimacy and stability, it also requires AI artists to engage with conventional artistic discourse and meet institutional expectations.

4.5 Strategic Applications and Implementation Guidelines

For creators entering the AI art market, our model indicates that sustainable success requires strategic development across multiple areas rather than optimizing single factors. Technical innovation provides competitive advantages, particularly in mid-tier markets, but requires complementary conceptual development and reputation-building activities including exhibition participation, critical engagement, and institutional relationship development.

For collectors and investors, the model offers objective evaluation criteria while emphasizing the importance of creator trajectory and institutional potential. The concentration of value in the high-end segment suggests that selective, quality-focused strategies may deliver superior returns compared to volume-based approaches, though such strategies demand sophisticated market knowledge and longer investment timeframes.

For institutions considering AI art acquisition or exhibition programs, the model demonstrates their substantial influence on market development and value creation. Museum and gallery decisions carry amplified impact in emerging markets, creating opportunities to shape market development while acquiring culturally significant works at favorable valuations.

The quantification model ultimately shows that AI art markets operate through sophisticated value creation mechanisms that integrate technological innovation with traditional artistic and cultural validation processes. Success in these markets requires understanding both technological capabilities and cultural dynamics, indicating that the most successful participants will effectively bridge

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technical and artistic domains while building sustainable relationships within established art world networks.

5.Case Analysis of Representative Works

The section examines how the proposed aesthetic evaluation framework and market value model apply in practice by analyzing several influential AI-generated artworks. By comparing these representative works, we clarify how dimensions such as technical proficiency, innovation, conceptual depth, aesthetic coherence, and cross-cultural adaptability interact to shape both critical reception and market performance.

5.1 Portrait of Edmond de Belamy: Historical Significance and Market Fluctuation

One of the earliest landmark AI artworks, Portrait of Edmond de Belamy by Obvious, sold for $432,500 at Christie's in 2018. This sale marked a pivotal moment, introducing AI art to the mainstream auction market. However, its moderate scores for technical proficiency (7.8/10) and relatively low scores for innovation (6.5/10) and meaning construction (5.2/10) show that its value was driven largely by novelty and historical positioning. Subsequent resales at lower prices demonstrate that historical significance alone is insufficient to sustain long-term market value if deeper artistic substance is lacking.

5.2 Machine Hallucinations: Conceptual Depth and Sustained Growth

Mario Klingemann's Machine Hallucinations series demonstrates how technical sophistication paired with rich conceptual themes can achieve sustained market growth. The series, which uses neural networks to explore identity and the subconscious, consistently scores high in innovation (8.9/10) and meaning construction (8.2/10). Its average sale price increased from $12,000 in 2018 to $47,500 by 2022, highlighting how a strong conceptual framework and distinctive artistic identity can secure enduring relevance in the AI art market.

5.3 Babel Data Sculpture: Immersive Innovation and Institutional Recognition

Refik Anadol's Babel Data Sculpture expands AI art's possibilities through large-scale, immersive data installations. By analyzing over 170 million images to generate a dynamic visual experience, it achieves high scores for technical

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proficiency (9.1/10), aesthetic coherence (9.3/10), and meaning construction (8.7/10). Its acquisition by the Museum of Modern Art demonstrates the critical role institutional validation plays in reinforcing market legitimacy and cultural status, underscoring how institutional recognition and cross-disciplinary innovation can push AI art into new territory.

5.4 Comparative Summary of Aesthetic and Market Data

Table 4 summarizes the comparative performance of these representative works across the five core aesthetic dimensions and market outcomes to illustrate the key differences.

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Artwork	A	B	C	D	E	F
Portrait of edmond de belamy	7.8/10	6.5/10	5.2/10	7.1/10	5.8/10	Initial price spike, resale drop
Machine hallucinations	8.3/10	8.9/10	8.2/10	7.8/10	6.5/10	Sustained growth, strong identity
Babel data sculpture	9.1/10	8.5/10	8.7/10	9.3/10	7.9/10	Institutional recognition, high-end

Note:A: Technical proficiency. B. Innovation. C: Meaning construction.
D. Aesthetic coherence. E: Cross-cultural adaptability. F: Key market insight

5.5 Reflection on Comparative Insights

The comparison clearly illustrates that long-term market success in AI art depends on the interplay of multiple dimensions rather than technical novelty alone. Works that combine high levels of innovation, conceptual richness, aesthetic coherence, and institutional validation demonstrate stronger and more stable market performance. Historical novelty may trigger initial excitement, but a comprehensive, multi-dimensional approach is essential for sustaining cultural relevance and market value.

By systematically evaluating representative cases, this study confirms that the proposed framework offers a clear and practical way to assess AI art, ensuring that technological advancement matches genuine artistic and cultural impact.

6. Conclusion

The study explores the fascinating overlap between artificial intelligence and modern art, tackling the tricky question of how to assess and value

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AI-generated artworks. By crafting a robust, multi-dimensional aesthetic evaluation framework and a data-driven model for market value, this research offers both theoretical insights and practical tools for artists, collectors, curators, and scholars navigating the world of AI art.

The findings make it clear that the value of AI art goes beyond mere technical innovation. Artworks that gain lasting market traction tend to blend technical skill with deep conceptual meaning, visual harmony, originality, and cultural relevance. Case studies show that while early AI art pieces grabbed attention for their historical novelty, long-term value hinges on substantial artistic impact, critical engagement, and institutional support.

The proposed multi-factor model highlights the pivotal roles of the creator's reputation, human-AI collaboration, and cultural resonance in driving market success. This approach grounds AI art evaluation in established art market principles, ensuring algorithmic creations are judged with rigor and context, not just hype.

This research equips art market players with clear, systematic tools to evaluate, position, and price AI-generated works transparently and sustainably. It pushes artists to move past shallow technical experiments, encouraging thoughtful partnerships with AI to forge unique artistic voices and meaningful content.

That said, the study recognizes its limits. The fast-evolving nature of AI tech and the still-emerging AI art market mean data is scarce, and cultural attitudes are in flux. Variations in aesthetic tastes across cultures also call for more in-depth, cross-cultural studies.

Looking ahead, future research should expand on these findings with larger, long-term studies, wider cross-cultural data, and a deeper dive into ethical issues like authorship, data origins, and the cultural impact of algorithmic art.

This work helps bridge the gap between technological breakthroughs and art historical dialogue. By viewing AI as a creative partner rather than just a tool or gimmick, artists and institutions can foster a mature, culturally vibrant AI art practice that deepens our understanding of creativity itself.

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