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**Woman wins \$1 million Picasso in charity raffle – 27th May, 2020**

## Level 0

A lady won a Picasso painting. She won it in a raffle. She got the raffle ticket for Christmas from her son. When her son told her about her win, she said: "Please don't joke." Her son said: "It was maybe the best decision I've made in my life." His mother could not believe she had won. It is the first time she has won something.

The painting is of a newspaper and glass on a table. It is called Still Life. Picasso painted it in 1921. An auction house valued it at \$1.1 million. A billionaire art collector said it was worth up to \$3 million. All the money from the raffle will help people in Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will build and repair wells and toilets.

## Level 1

An Italian lady won a Pablo Picasso painting. She won it in a charity raffle. Her son bought her the ticket for Christmas. The lady found out she was the lucky winner on Wednesday. Her son explained that when he told his mother she had won a Picasso, she said: "Please don't joke." He added: "It was maybe the best decision I've made in my life." His mother could not believe she had won. She said it was "incredible". She added: "I have never won anything before".

The painting is of a newspaper and wine glass on a table. It is called Still Life. Picasso painted it in 1921. The winner was decided in Paris at an auction house. It valued the painting at \$1.1 million. The billionaire art collector who gave the painting to the raffle said it was worth up to \$3 million. All the money collected in the raffle will help people in Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will build and repair wells and toilets in countryside villages.

## Level 2

An Italian lady is suddenly the owner of a Pablo Picasso painting. She won the Picasso in a charity raffle. Her son bought her the \$110 ticket for Christmas. The raffle draw was made on Wednesday and the lady was the lucky winner. Her son explained how he told his mother. He said when he told her she had won a Picasso, she said: "Please don't joke." He added: "It was maybe the best decision I've made in my life." His mother could not believe she had won. She said winning was "incredible". She added: "I have never won anything before".

The painting is called Still Life. Picasso painted and signed it in 1921. It shows a newspaper and a wine glass on a table. The winner was decided in Paris at an international auction house. The auction house valued the painting at \$1.1 million. However, the billionaire art collector who gave the painting to the raffle said it was worth up to three times more than that. All of the money collected in the raffle will help to give water to people in Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will build and repair wells, washing facilities and toilets in countryside villages.

## Level 3

A woman in Italy has suddenly become the owner of a Pablo Picasso painting. Claudia Borgogno, 58, won the Picasso in a charity raffle. Her son Lorenzo bought his mother the ticket as a Christmas present. The ticket cost €100 (about \$110). The raffle draw was made on Wednesday and Ms Borgogno was the lucky winner. Lorenzo explained to reporters how he told his mother. He said: "When I arrived and I told her she has won a Picasso painting, she was like: 'Please don't joke'." He added: "It was maybe the best decision I've made in my life." His mother could not believe she had won and summed up her amazement in one word - incredible. She said: "I have never won anything before".

The Picasso painting is called Still Life. It was painted and signed by the artist in 1921. It shows a newspaper and a wine glass on a wood table. The charity draw took place in Paris at the international auction house Christies. The auction house valued the work of art as being worth \$1.1 million. However, the billionaire art collector who donated the painting to the charity raffle said it was worth at least two or three times more than that. Christies sold 51,140 tickets for the charity raffle. All of the money it collected will go to provide water for villagers in Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will help to build and repair wells, washing facilities, and toilets in countryside villages.

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