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Geoffrey Cassidy is the Director of Artbank, the Commonwealth Government's art rental scheme. Artbank's charter is to support contemporary Australian Art through purchasing work by predominantly young artists for the Artbank collection and promoting the work by making it available for display in public spaces, government offices, workplaces and private homes. As such Artbank is the largest collector of emerging contemporary art in the country.

Geoffrey came to Artbank from Sotheby's Australia where he had over nine years experience as a senior paintings specialist, the last two as National Head of Paintings and an International Director of the company. During his tenure at Sotheby's he oversaw the significant expansion of the department and set many benchmark prices, including the most expensive Australian painting sold at auction.

Geoffrey's particular interest and expertise is in contemporary Australian and Chinese art as well as Outsider art. He is active in industry associations including the Contemporary Collection Benefactors at the Art Gallery of NSW, is a member of the Committee on Tax Incentives for the Arts, a member of the Desert Advisory Committee and is often a guest speaker for various educational and Arts organisations.