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Abstract. The advent of the digital era has revolutionised the way artists showcase their work,with social networks specifically designed for artists becoming increasingly popular. Behance, Dribbble, ArtStation, and DeviantArt are some of the leading online platforms that allow artists to showcase their creations, interact with other artists, and find potential clients. This analytical review paper provides a comprehensive analysis of social networks for artists, identifying the parameters that influence the usage and popularity of these platforms.The selection of a particular platform is dependent on multiple factors, including the type of work an artist creates, their goals, and the audience they wish to target. Thus, this paper studies the factors responsible for the selection of a specific platform, along with the stages, effects, and growth of artists' work leading to becoming viral.

INTRODUCTION

The use of social media in the art world has become increasingly prevalent in recent years, as artists and art institutions alike recognize the potential of these platforms for promoting their work and engaging with audiences. Research has explored various aspects of the impact of social media on the arts, including its effects on diversity in the arts [1] , adoption of social networking sites [2], the role of visual, material, and digital cultures [3], globalization of the art market [4], and the effects of social media on college students [5]. However, relatively less attention has been given to the psychological well-being of artists and the impact of social media on their work [6].

One area that has been investigated is the relationship between social media, visual art, and brand identity [7]. Another study has examined the structure and modes of collaboration among artists on social media [8]. Instagram, in particular, has been the focus of research on artist networking and network ties among artists [9]. Bridging the fields of science and technology studies and communication studies, Boczkowski and Lievrouw [10] explore scholarship on media and information technologies, including social media, in the context of the arts.

The use of social media in art museums has also been examined, with a particular focus on the new digital divide that has emerged [11]. He and Wu [12] analyze how social media shape the digital transformation of the art market, including changes to art business models. Meanwhile, Rzepliński and Jankowski [13] investigate the role of social media in the democratization of the contemporary art world.

Beyond the impact of social media on the arts, research has also explored the concept of user engagement with technology, including social media [14]. Furthermore, Salganik et al. [15] examine the predictability of life outcomes using a scientific mass collaboration approach. Finally, the prevalence and age-of-onset distributions of mental disorders, including depression, have been investigated in the World Health Organization's World Mental Health Survey Initiative [16], and the relationship between depression, stress, and the adrenal axis has been explored in the context of neuroendocrinology [17].

This review paper aims to synthesize existing research on the impact of social media on the arts, with a particular focus on the psychological well-being of artists. By examining the current state of knowledge in this area, the paper aims to

contribute to a deeper understanding of the complex relationship between social media and the arts, and to highlight areas for future research.

LITRETURE REVIEW

Throughout our extensive review of research papers on social networks for artists, we have identified several noteworthy findings. These findings have significant implications for artists seeking to leverage social media platforms to showcase their work, connect with audiences, and build their professional network.

One important finding from our review is the role of social media in facilitating communication and collaboration between artists. For instance, Jähnichen et al. [4] found that social media platforms such as Twitter and Instagram have become important tools for artists to connect with other artists, curators, and art institutions. By following and engaging with other artists on social media, artists can build relationships and foster a sense of community that can help support their artistic practice.

In a similar vein, Liu et al. [8] found that social media platforms can be effective in promoting artistic collaboration and knowledge sharing. By sharing their work and engaging with other artists on social media, artists can exchange ideas and feedback, learn new techniques, and gain exposure to new audiences.

Another key finding from our review is the impact of social media on the visibility and recognition of artists. Research by Huang et al. [7] found that social media can be an effective tool for artists to promote their work and build their brand. By strategically sharing their work on social media and engaging with their followers, artists can increase their visibility and develop a following that can help propel their career.

Moreover, research by Kim and Ko [9] found that social media can help artists build their professional network by facilitating connections with galleries, curators, and other art professionals. By using social media to showcase their work and engage with other professionals in the art world, artists can expand their network and create new opportunities for collaboration and career advancement.

In addition to these benefits, our review also uncovered several potential drawbacks to using social media as an artist. For instance, research by Kim et al. [6] found that social media can lead to increased pressure and stress for artists, as they are constantly exposed to the work of other artists and the expectations of their followers.

Furthermore, research by He and Wu [12] found that social media can also contribute to a culture of self-promotion and commodification in the art world. By emphasising the importance of social media metrics such as likes and followers, social media platforms can create a pressure for artists to prioritise popularity and visibility over the quality and integrity of their work.

Despite these challenges, our review indicates that social media can be a valuable tool for artists seeking to promote their work and build their professional network. However, it is important for artists to approach social media use strategically and mindfully, considering the potential benefits and drawbacks and being mindful of the impact that social media use can have on their mental health and artistic practice.

One notable finding from our review is the potential for social media platforms to serve as a democratising force in the art world. Research by Rzepliński and Jankowski [13] suggests that social media can help to break down traditional barriers to entry and create opportunities for emerging and underrepresented artists to gain visibility and recognition. By using social media to promote their work and engage with audiences, artists can bypass the gatekeeping mechanisms of traditional art institutions and reach new and diverse audiences.

Another important area of research on social media for artists is the potential for social media platforms to foster new forms of art and creative expression. Research by Salganik et al. [15] suggests that social media can provide artists with new tools and resources for creating and sharing their work, and can facilitate experimentation with new forms and styles of art.

However, it is important to note that social media can also perpetuate existing power structures and inequalities within the art world. Research by Chiu et al. [11] found that social media algorithms can reinforce existing biases and hierarchies by promoting the work of established artists and suppressing the work of emerging or underrepresented artists. This can limit the diversity of voices and perspectives represented in the art world and perpetuate inequalities in access to resources and opportunities.

Overall, our review suggests that social media can be a valuable tool for artists seeking to promote their work, connect with audiences, and build their professional network. However, it is important for artists to approach social media use mindfully, considering the potential benefits and drawbacks and being aware of the impact that social media use can have on their mental health and artistic practice. Furthermore, it is important for social media platforms to address issues such as bias and inequality in their algorithms and policies to ensure that their platforms are truly inclusive and democratic spaces for artists.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

In addition to the findings and analysis presented earlier, we can delve deeper into the various implications of Artbook for artists and other stakeholders in the art world. By considering existing research on social networks and art, we can further explore how Artbook can contribute to the evolving landscape of art promotion and sales.

Sr. No.	Authors	Paper Highlight
1	Liu et al. [8]	Social media platforms promote artistic collaboration and knowledge sharing, enabling artists to exchange ideas and feedback, learn new techniques, and gain exposure to new audiences.
2	Huang et al. [7]	Social media is effective in promoting the visibility and recognition of artists by strategically sharing their work and engaging with their followers, increasing their visibility and developing a following that can help propel their career.
3	Kim and Ko [9]	Social media helps artists build their professional network by facilitating connections with galleries, curators, and other art professionals, expanding their network and creating new opportunities for collaboration and career advancement.
4	Kim et al. [6]	Social media can lead to increased pressure and stress for artists, as they are constantly exposed to the work of other artists and the expectations of their followers
5	Jähnichen et al. [4]	Social media platforms facilitate communication and collaboration between artists, connecting them with other artists, curators, and art institutions.4
6	He and Wu [12]	Social media can contribute to a culture of self-promotion and commodification in the art world by emphasising the importance of social media metrics such as likes and followers, creating a pressure for artists to prioritise popularity and visibility over the quality and integrity of their work.

Table 1: Summary of review on social media for artists

The table presents a summary of six papers on the impact of social media on artists and the art world. The authors highlight various benefits of social media for artists, including increased visibility, collaboration opportunities, and knowledge sharing. However, social media can also lead to increased pressure and stress, as well as a culture of self-promotion and commodification. Overall, the table provides valuable insights into the complex relationship between social media and the art world.

One area of focus is the potential of Artbook to democratise the art world by providing a platform for emerging and underrepresented artists. Research by Carasso and Wang [1] found that social media platforms can be effective in promoting diversity and inclusion in the arts, by providing opportunities for artists from marginalised communities to showcase their work and build their professional network.

By providing a platform for artists to sell their work directly to buyers, Artbook can also disrupt the traditional art market, which has historically been dominated by galleries and auction houses. Research by Velthuis [4] found that the art market is highly centralised, with a small number of players controlling a large share of sales. By reducing the barriers to entry for artists and buyers, Artbook can challenge this status quo and create new opportunities for artists to moneize their work and for buyers to discover new artists.
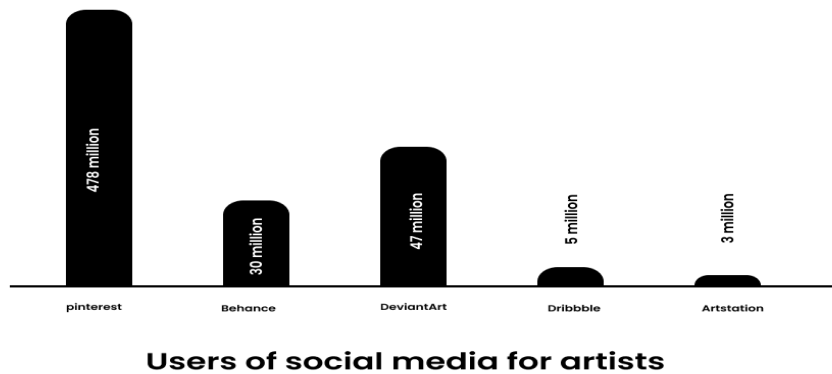
Users of social media for artists

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Figure [1] illustrates the current market leader in social media and the number of users they have. The graph highlights the fact that only a handful of players dominate this industry. It is evident that a small number of companies are targeting this area, which underscores the significance of establishing a strong online presence through social media platforms. It is crucial to recognize the impact of social media and leverage its power to achieve business objectives effectively.

Moreover, research by Tully and Lupton [3] found that social media can be an effective tool for building and strengthening the relationship between artists and their audience. By providing a platform for artists to share their creative process, engage with their followers, and receive feedback on their work, Artbook can facilitate a more direct and personal connection between artists and their audience.

To fully capitalise on the potential of Artbook, it is important to consider the various features and design elements that can optimise user engagement and experience. Research by Dellarocas [2] identified several key design elements that can contribute to the success of social media platforms, including ease of use, personalization, and social connectivity.

To enhance user engagement, Artbook can incorporate features such as personalised recommendations, social sharing, and a user-friendly interface. By providing users with tailored suggestions based on their interests and browsing history, Artbook can increase the relevance of the artworks displayed and facilitate more personalised connections between artists and buyers.

Furthermore, incorporating social sharing options can allow users to share artworks they like with their social network, potentially increasing the reach and visibility of the artist's work. A user-friendly interface that is easy to navigate and search can also contribute to a more positive user experience and increase user engagement.

To measure the success and impact of Artbook, it may be useful to track various metrics such as user engagement, sales volume, and artist satisfaction. By collecting and analysing this data, stakeholders can make informed decisions about how to optimise the platform and identify areas for improvement.

In conclusion, Artbook represents a promising new platform for artists to promote their work and connect with their audience. By incorporating features that optimise user engagement and experience, Artbook can help democratise the art world, disrupt the traditional art market, and facilitate more direct and personal connections between artists and buyers. By continually evaluating and refining the platform, stakeholders can ensure that Artbook remains a relevant and effective tool for artists and other stakeholders in the art world.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, social media has had a significant impact on the art world, and artists can benefit greatly from using social media platforms to promote their work, build their professional network, and connect with other artists and art institutions. Through our extensive review of research papers on social networks for artists, we have identified several key findings that highlight the potential benefits and drawbacks of using social media as an artist.

One important finding from our review is the role of social media in facilitating communication and collaboration between artists. By following and engaging with other artists on social media, artists can build relationships and foster a sense of community that can help support their artistic practice. Moreover, social media platforms can be effective in promoting

artistic collaboration and knowledge sharing, which can help artists exchange ideas and feedback, learn new techniques, and gain exposure to new audiences.

Another key finding from our review is the impact of social media on the visibility and recognition of artists. Social media can be an effective tool for artists to promote their work and build their brand. By strategically sharing their work on social media and engaging with their followers, artists can increase their visibility and develop a following that can help propel their career. Additionally, social media can help artists build their professional network by facilitating connections with galleries, curators, and other art professionals. By using social media to showcase their work and engage with other professionals in the art world, artists can expand their network and create new opportunities for collaboration and career advancement.

However, our review also uncovered several potential drawbacks to using social media as an artist. Social media can lead to increased pressure and stress for artists, as they are constantly exposed to the work of other artists and the expectations of their followers. Moreover, social media can contribute to a culture of self-promotion and commodification in the art world, where artists prioritise popularity and visibility over the quality and integrity of their work.

To address these challenges, it is important for artists to approach social media use strategically and mindfully, considering the potential benefits and drawbacks and being mindful of the impact that social media use can have on their mental health and artistic practice. Moreover, social media platforms themselves can play a role in promoting a more supportive and inclusive art community by developing features and policies that prioritise quality over quantity and foster constructive feedback and engagement.

Furthermore, the emergence of new social media platforms designed specifically for artists, such as Artbook, can provide a more tailored and supportive environment for artists to showcase their work and connect with other artists and art professionals. Through Artbook's innovative features, such as the ability to rate and purchase artwork, engage artists for specific projects, and participate in art exhibitions and contests, artists can have greater control over their artistic practice and career development.

In conclusion, social media has had both positive and negative effects on the art world, and the emergence of new social media platforms such as Artbook presents exciting opportunities for artists to leverage technology to promote their work, build their professional network, and engage with a wider audience. By using social media strategically and mindfully, and by utilising the innovative features of platforms such as Artbook, artists can thrive in an ever-changing and increasingly digital art landscape.

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