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## Where Is Ealing Studios When You Need Them?

A quirky, *only-in-England* story of amateur thievery seems ready made for the movies. Three men -- including a graphic designer with bad eyesight, a landscape gardener turned teacher who lived with his mother and an ex-military man -- forged artworks and fobbed them off on the pros, including an expert who appears on "Antiques Roadshow" and tells people whether the artwork they have is valuable or a knockoff. What blew my mind was the claim by a former director of the Met in NYC that up to 40% of the art market is composed of forgeries.

POSTED BY MICHAEL IN NEW YORK AT 11:43 AM



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