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United States Copyright Office

Dear Sir,

I am a self employed fine artist, teaching artist and graphic designer. I have been earning a living this way for close to 30 years. I hold a BA from Colby College in Waterville Maine and have done graduate work at Temple University and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art. I participate in art festivals, International shows and am represented by several galleries. Ball Point Graphics sells fine art originals, notecards and wrapping paper.

Creating artwork is how I make a living. Images of my artwork have to be all over the internet in order to promote festivals, shows and classes. Even as a teaching artist for various organizations we are asked to use our images to promote our classes. I want to be able to control how and when my images are used. I have created them. Regardless as to how my images are published (on the web or in a traditional publication) they are my commercial property and do not decrease in value if they get published. In fact, they tend to increase in value if they are published in a magazine whether in print of online.

Every once in a while I google myself just to see what is out there. Several months ago I found an image of mine used in an on line blog about an area in San Francisco. They said the image was of Triangle Swamp in San Francisco. It was not. The painting was of a place in Maryland. I wrote the organization and they eventually took it down. They were using my image and misrepresenting it to their own commercial value. Using my image to their benefit was stealing from my company.

Please consider the many small businesses that this change in the copyright law would effect.

Sincerely,

Deena S. Ball
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