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RE: copyright for artists in California
- "***The Next Great Copyright Act***"
VOTE NO.

Sirs,

I am a professional artist and art teacher in San Diego, California with over thirty years of active participation in the local art community. I am a winner of many awards for my artworks and for my teaching. I have provided demonstrations and jury service for local art groups and I have donated my artworks in support of local fundraiser benefits, as well. I regularly paint, teach drawing and painting, show and occasionally sell my artworks. This is my chosen career.

The majority of my works are not sold or published but they do constitute an important aspect of my identity as a creative individual. I regularly use them as visual aid samples to classes I teach. I am in direct contact with over 100 adult learners each week.

I am daily engaged in the creation of authentic artworks - by interpreting my personal response to locations and events in my life. I strongly believe that each artist should continue to freely hold the copyright to their works from inception until they otherwise relinquish it on purpose.

I see the proposed legislation - referred to here as "***The Next Great Copyright Act***" as a step in the wrong direction.
It is difficult enough to gain fair compensation for authentic artistic effort.
I urge legislators to firmly reject changes that take copyright control away from the individual artist. We should not be made to pay for this, either. It should be confirmed as a Constitutional right of the individual. And others should not be allowed to harvest our work and products and intellectual property without our permission and involvement.

Vote NO on "***The Next Great Copyright Act***"

Sincerely,

Andrew *Drew* Bandish

P.S.
Coincidentally, copyright violation made waves locally at the 2015 San Diego County Fair at Del Mar, one of the biggest art venues on the California coast, where the award for *Best of Show* was revoked due to outright copying of a photographer's work without permission asked or granted.

Take a look.
A picture is worth a thousand words, as they say.

July 2, 2015
Channel 10 News
SAN DIEGO
'- An Australian photographer said an entry that won Best of Show in the fine art competition at the San Diego County Fair is a "copyright breach."

A painting by San Diegan Jackson Rios was taken down Thursday by fair officials while they investigate the claim.'

http://www.10news.com/news/fair-judges-investigate-fine-art-contest-winner

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