Copyright Office

Re: Orphan Works Act

Dear Copyright Office:

I wish to tell you not to change the Copyright Act, especially the Orphan Works Act.

I am an artist and have been selling my paintings and other artworks for twenty years. I have sold over 100 of them. The thought of someone legally copying or reproducing my works for their profit or anyone else's without my permission, is horrifying to me. I realize that there are thieves in the world, but I do not want anyone profiting or copying my works without my permission.

I am in the Miss. Artists Guild. In 2010, I was in the 100-Alumni art show at my alma mater, U. of Southern Mississippi. You can go to my website for some of my recent art show entries. Some of them include a show at the B.B. King Museum in Indianola, Mississippi in 2013. Sometimes I get ribbons for my paintings.

Do not stab me to the heart by changing this law.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Harrell

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