Worldwide Women Artists (WWAO)

Zen Breeze Art Gallery

If you are here because you had a listing reported to VeRO, or just want copyright information on my art, I hope this page will be useful to you.

As the artist, I own the copyright for all artwork I create. My art cannot be used for any purpose without my permission. I send in infringement claims on any site where I find my art illegally used.

I had some questions come up recently that I will address;

- **Q**: I bought inventory on another site and I did not know it was fake so could you retract the copyright infringement claim?
  - **A**: The only reason I withdraw a complaint is if it turns out you bought an item from me and are reselling it. This has not happened yet.

Please understand that the theft of my art and its misuse is not only a crime but also one that has caused great harm and hardship to my family and me. If you were selling fakes you got from a sketchy site, the consequences of that is that you got a strike against you. You could seek remedy from the site where you bought the inventory but that is between you and them.

- **Q**: I bought a print at a shop. Am I entitled to sell products from the image?
  - **A**: No. Even if you bought a print, or painting, from me, I retain the copyright. I cannot stress this enough.
- **Q**: Is it OK if I use a painting for a paint party?
  - **A**: No.
- **Q**: Is it OK if I use your art for my business page, logo, marketing materials, products?
  - **A**: No. That is commercial use of my art and prohibited.

I hope the above information provides an overview. The most basic test of “is it OK?” is “Are you profiting in any way, financially or otherwise, from this person’s art?” If the answer is “Yes” you are most likely not legally able to use it.