## **Andy Thomas**

Andy Thomas is a member of the eBay VeRO Program. This page is to educate eBay users about the legal implications of reproducing his images of his own creation on-line in eBay sales.

I have many images of my oil paintings and watercolors that are on the internet, many of them are watermarked. These images are not public domain and as an artist and the creator, my art is my own 'intellectual property' and using it without permission is a violation in itself.

Additionally, I hold an individual copyright by the United States Library of Congress for each of my creations of art.

<u>Unauthorized reproductions will not be acceptable and will be reported immediately to the Ebay VeRO program for immediate removal.</u>

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Posting and selling unauthorized reproductions of my artwork or other items of my intellectual property in association with a sale on eBay infringes my copyrights and I will notify eBay to cancel such sale listings immediately.

We regularly review items on eBay to ensure that images by artist Andy Thomas are protected and its intellectual rights and US Copyrights are not infringed.

Ebay listings are regularly reviewed for illegal reproductions and will be reported immediately. Where infringement is found via printing illegal reproductions (unauthorized use of his intellectual property) the offending auction may be terminated under eBay's VeRO program. If the auction is cancelled by us, the notice will provide our contact information.

## **Quick FAQ**

## Why was my auction suspended?

Your auction was most likely removed from eBay because it used an image based on one of my copyrighted images without license or written permission to do so.

## I found the image on the internet can't I just use it?

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