



## Paintings Photo guidelines

### FOR AUTHENTICATION OR ATTRIBUTION OF A PAINTING

#### CAMERA SETTINGS

- Set your camera or smartphone to the highest resolution available. A resolution of 300 dpi is good.
- Select the largest photo size possible. A size of 4,000 x 6,000 pixels is ideal.
- If your camera allows it, save the photos in RAW or NEF format. If not available, choose TIFF. If neither is available, use JPG.

#### IMPORTANT DETAILS TO PHOTOGRAPH

- Full view of the front of the painting (uncropped, with a small margin of around 2 inches or 4 cm all around the painting)
- Full view of the back (also uncropped).
- Full view of each of the four edges (sides of the canvas where it is attached to the frame).
- Close-up of the signature.

- Close-up of any labels, stickers, stamps, or marks on the back.
- Close-up of inscriptions (any writing on the painting).
- Close-ups of important details (such as texture, brushstrokes, or specific elements like hair, eyes, lips, hands, feet, animals, buildings, etc.).

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR FRAMED PAINTINGS**

- If you are unsure about removing the painting from the frame, take it to a professional framer. They can do it safely for a small fee and ensure the frame remains undamaged.
- Wait for our confirmation before having the painting re-framed, in case we need additional photos.

## **HOW TO TAKE HIGH-QUALITY PHOTOS**

- Make sure the painting fills most of the frame in your camera view.
- Avoid glare and reflections by taking photos in natural light.
- Use a tripod if possible to keep the camera steady. Tripods can be purchased for as little as \$10.
- If your camera has an auto-release function, use it to prevent movement when pressing the shutter button.
- Do not edit or enhance the photos (no adjustments to brightness, contrast, or colors).
- Measure the painting and send the exact dimensions along with the photos.

## **HOW TO SEND US YOUR PHOTOS**

**YOU CAN SEND THE PHOTOS USING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:**

- Dropbox ([www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com))
- Google Drive
- WeTransfer ([www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com))
- E-mail (Attach photos, but keep each email under 15 MB. Send multiple e-mails if necessary.)
- Mail a memory card, flash drive, or CD with the images.
- If you have any questions, feel free to contact us before sending your photos.