



Paintings Photo guidelines

FOR AUTHENTICATION OR ATTRIBUTION OF A PAINTING

CAMERA SETTINGS

- In the camera settings select the highest resolution (Quality) it is capable of. 300 dpi is good.
- In the camera settings select the largest photo dimensions it is capable of. 4,000 x 6,000 pixels is good.
- In the camera settings select you want to save the photos in RAW or NEF format. If the camera does not offer these file formats select TIFF. If not available either just save as JPGs.

SHOTS REQUIRED

- Full view of the front, uncropped, meaning with a margin of a couple of inches or a couple of cm all around.
- Full view of the back, also uncropped.
- Full length view of each of the 4 tacking edges
- Close-up of signature.
- Close up of all inscriptions
- Close-ups of as many details as possible such as hair, eye, nose, lips, ear, hand, foot,

detail of fabric, flower, grass, bush, tree trunk, tree branches, tree leaves, rock, water, sky, sun, cloud, building or details of buildings, animal or details of animal, ship or details of ship, individual objects.

- If there is anything on the back, such as stencil, label, sticker, stamp, mark, seal, number, inscription, close-up of each one.

RECOMMENDATION

- If you are hesitant about removing the painting from the frame, take it to a frame shop and they will do it for you. The cost will be insignificant and the frame undamaged and re-useable for re-framing later.
- After you photograph the painting wait until we tell you if we need more photos before you return to the frame shop to have them reframe the painting.

HOW TO TAKE QUALITY PHOTOS

- Frame each photo to occupy nearly all the room in the view finder.
- There should be no glare, no reflections.
- The best is to take the photos in natural light.
- The camera should be set on a tripod so that it does not move at all when you press the shutter release. Tripods are available from \$10.
- Preferably use the shutter auto-release function. This way you will prevent that the camera moves when you press the shutter release.

N.B.

- Do not doctor the photos to increase intensity, saturation, brightness or anything at all.
- Measure the entire sheet exactly and send dimensions

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

- Using Dropbox at www.dropbox.com
- Or using Google Drive
- Or using a service such as www.wetransfer.com
- Or attach the photos to emails but don't exceed 15 MB per email. Send as many emails as necessary.
- Or mail us a memory card, a flash drive or a CD