

Information about Fanart

Some artists have asked us, if fanart is allowed at conventions.

Fanart is a set of work of an artist, film, TV series, game or similar, created by fans. Often the heroes or main characters are chosen as motif.

We welcome a vibrant artist scene; fanart is the reason for many budding artists to start drawing or painting. Some fanart works are truly inspiring.

However, the legal situation is clear: fanart is only allowed for private use, the presentation of these works is forbidden in public.

Anyone who wants to publicly show or sell fanart, requires the permission of the respective copyright holder. We must therefore point out that artists who sell or show fanart, must expect being contacted by the publisher / right holder, even years after the actual showing, which may be associated with lawsuits and financial demands. Further information / links to this topic can be found below.

Fanart often triggers a dilemma:

Fans take pleasure in their favourite topics and characters and want to share the joy of their fanart work with others.

Artists who have created famous characters and stories want to - and should - be able to live off of them and must protect their copyright.

If artists are successful after long training and many years of work with a character or a story, it is their right to ensure that no one makes unauthorised money with it. Especially with internationally successful artists, these rights are represented by publishers, who in turn are forced by contracts to generally react to unauthorized uses. In general, the emphasis in this regard is probably mainly on the monitoring of distributors and merchandisers.

We are connected to both sides; the young creatives as well as the established artists and their publishers. Without big publishers and publishers there would be no Game of Thrones and without young creatives no fresh breeze in the artist, fantasy and comic scene and the publishers would not have new talents.

We are convinced that the publishers deal with fanart and young artists with reason and a sense of proportion, but also recommend for these artists to be well informed about the legal situation and not to take any unnecessary risks. Remember especially that publishing unauthorized work on the internet can as well create serious problems.

The terms and conditions of FANTASY BASEL – The Swiss Comic Con clearly state that exhibitors may only show and sell products if they have the rights to do so. This refers specifically to dealers. But we also have to refuse any responsibility, if artists are charged because of their fanart.

We ask the artists to bring their own creations to the Con's and issue or obtain the appropriate rights.

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<https://comiczeichner.tv/fanart-verkauf-ist-verboden/>

<https://malen-lernen.org/darf-man-fan-art-verkaufen/>

<https://www.prigge-recht.de/markenrechtsverletzung-fan-art-etsy/>

<https://anwalt-seiten.de/fan-art-legal/>