



## MANIFEST OF ARTISTIC CREATION

- Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author, as established in Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Authors' rights are an integral part of the legal framework that strengthens free, open societies.
- The exercise of Authors' Rights fortifies the social structures that encourage creativity, enabling them to reach the full scope of their purpose. The importance of these rights extends beyond national borders, thus making it essential that they be upheld in all countries. Without due respect for authors' rights, there can be no culture.
- As visual creators, painters, sculptors, photographers, illustrators, video makers... we are authors who are fully entitled to our rights and find the discrimination arising from the current Intellectual Property Act unacceptable.
- Therefore, we are forced to call the attention of all the political powers to the urgent need to protect and encourage Spanish artistic creation as an essential part of our contribution to the birth of a new, competitive European identity.
- We call for a fair and unbiased reform of the Intellectual Property Act addressed at benefiting artistic creation in our country without any ambiguity, thus enhancing the social nature of the law.
- Such a reform should begin with the name of the Act itself. We believe it is important to highlight awareness of the significant difference that changing the current name of the Intellectual Property Act to a new name, Authors' and Similar Rights, would represent.
- Authors' Rights encompass rights of a moral and material nature, neither of which is feasible without the other. And, in a free, open society, both work to the benefit of authors and society itself. Fair compensation for private copies is a factor that serves to validate and balance the progress of the information society with intellectual property rights. There is no conflict between free access to culture and the moral and material rights of creators.
- The management, diffusion, promotion and defence of authors' rights are only possible through the collective management of the authors themselves.
- We visual creators are responsible, committed citizens, and as such, ask cultural institutions and political powers to consider our proposals and to act with the sole aim of protecting and favouring creative work, whatever its form.
- We need an Authors' Rights Act that protects the work of the creators from the spurious greed of those who, on the one hand, claim to have the utmost respect for artistic creation and, on the other, expropriate the authors' moral and material rights for their own benefit.
- We look to the understanding and agreement of social, economical, political and cultural groups to move forward with an Authors' Rights Act that protects and stimulates artistic creation as a vital investment in the future of our community.