

A Comparison of Online Art Registries

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Features and Benefits	<i>Fine Art Registry</i>	<i>Art Loss Register</i>	<i>Interpol</i>	<i>National Fine Arts Title Registry</i>	<i>National Stolen Art File</i>	<i>Swift Find</i>
Unique, secure, tamper evident tagging, US Patented technology, for all types of fine art and collectibles	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Registration of all types of fine art and collectibles in a secure central database	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Emphasizes establishing provenance and a permanent historical record of the existence of an object before it is lost or stolen	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Registered users permitted to update the registration record instantly, including electronic upload and digitization of supporting images and documentation (appraisal reports, copyright registrations, bills of sale, and more) of all registered objects, in perpetuity	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Online gallery and portfolio for every member	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Electronic Transfer of ownership	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Free downloadable, customizable certificates of authenticity	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Online sales of artwork and collectibles with no commission (available to paid members)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Free publicly accessible Stolen/Lost Art Database to report, research, and aid in the recovery of lost or stolen art and valuables	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Large database library of original, well researched articles relevant to all sectors of the art and collectible industry	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Membership open to all	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Worldwide reach	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

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Where Based?	USA	United Kingdom	France	USA	USA	United Kingdom
Registration Method	U.S. Patented, permanent electronic registration system and state-of-the-art tagging technologies	Register as a user of the site to report a theft or request a search	Complete order form and mail to France	Online Certificate of Authenticity generated and printed by user	All requests for searches must be made through a law enforcement agency as part of a criminal investigation	Online Certificate of Registration generated and printed by user
Membership/Requirements	Open to all	Victims can register item if police report made. Minimum value of \$500 and piece must be uniquely identifiable	Entries are only accepted from law enforcement agencies	Open to all but limited to art objects only	Entries are only accepted from law enforcement agencies	Open to all
Overview of Purpose and Responsibilities	Offers unique, patented, secure, tamper evident tagging and registration for all types of fine art and collectibles, recorded in secure central database. Functions as the only publicly accessible permanent registration database for the masses and functions as a no-commission online sales forum for registered art and valuables	Private international database of lost and stolen art. Functions as a central clearinghouse for art buyers and collectors to verify if an item has been lost or stolen. Details of theft or loss reported by victims and then details are posted by ALR into the ALR private database	An international database of stolen art. Sends out art theft notices to law enforcement agencies	User generates numbered paper Certificate of Authenticity using online program for original works of art of any value/origin	A computerized index of stolen art and cultural property as reported to the FBI by law enforcement agencies, consists of images and physical descriptions of stolen and recovered objects, in addition to investigative case information	Anonymous user generates numbered paper Certificate of Registration using online program for new, used, and stolen valuables. Report valuables when lost or stolen. Search Swift Find database for lost or stolen objects
Fees	Basic membership is free. U.S. Patented Tags are \$2.25 each. Unlimited registration of fine art and valuables. Silver membership (\$9.95 per year) adds free portfolio/web pages and online sales of up to 50 pieces and other benefits. Gold membership (\$29.95 per year) permits sales of up to 200 pieces. Platinum membership (\$49.95) extends this to 500 items for sale. Agency membership (\$200 per year) allows posting of up to 1000 stolen or lost art pieces at one time	A single search of ALR database costs \$75. Owners of stolen pieces pay about \$50 to register missing art objects. ALR assists in recovery and commands 10-15% of the market value of an art object in payment for ALR recovery services	Purchasable DVD lists works of art and cultural property, updated every two months. Full year subscription, or 6 DVDs, costs \$605.00	Professional membership is \$15 per month with unlimited registrations and transfers (regular portfolio \$10 per title registration, \$10 per title transfer)	N/A	Registration and reporting stolen items is free. To search the Swift Find database costs \$9 for single search and \$75 unlimited per month, minimum subscription period is 12 months
Online searchable database?	Yes	Yes	No, but DVD available in English, French, Spanish	No	Yes, through law enforcement. Object must be well known, minimum value of \$2,000	Yes
Database public or private?	Public	Private, not accessible online. Clients must agree to cooperate with ALR if a match is found in its records	DVD is public for crime prevention purposes but entries only accepted by law enforcement	None	Private	Public