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## Model Release Form

DISCLAIMER: This sample contract is written as a checklist and guide only. You should in no way use this contract in its current state as a binding agreement between you and any individual, corporation, gallery, or venue. When entering into an agreement with any institution for short- or long-term work, a lawyer or attorney skilled in legal practices pertaining to the arts should review any contracts before signing. You can use this contract as a starting point for drafting an agreement for a commission, but do not rely on this contract in its present form and do not sign it until you have had legal counsel look at it and suggest alterations or changes.

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Use a model release form when you record a person in video or still photography, or any other media likeness, including painting. A general rule is if you can accurately see her/his face on the finished product you must have them sign a model release form.

### Payment

If you are compensating your model, note if the payment is monetary (include amount) or a copy of the finished work. If you are not compensating your model, check NO COMPENSATION.

In return for the use of her/his name, picture, portrait, or photograph in all forms and media and in all manners, including composite or distorted representations, for advertising, trade or any other lawful purposes, the Artist agrees to compensate the Model in the form of:

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_ NO COMPENSATION

The Model waives the right to inspect or approve the finished work, including written copy that may be created in connection therewith.

The Model is of legal age and has read this release and is familiar with its contents.

### Signatures

MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARTIST: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Consent (if applicable)

If the Model is underage, the parent or guardian of the minor must sign a contract stating that she/he understands the above, and has the legal authority to execute the release. Be sure to delete the statement above that she/he is of legal age.