

WIKIPEDIA ARTREMIXED

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Wikipedia Art goes to Venice (and Everywhere Else)

Scott Kildall and Nathaniel Stern invite you to re-mix the *Wikipedia Art* project as part of *Padiglione Internet* (the Internet Pavilion) for the *Venice Biennale*. All works will be indirectly hosted on <wikipediaart.org/remixes>.

Wikipedia Art began as an intervention on Wikipedia by Scott Kildall and Nathaniel Stern on February 14th, 2009 with the posting of an article called “Wikipedia Art” – “art that anyone can edit” by simply writing about it. Several collaborators including Jon Coffelt, Brian Sherwin and Patrick Lichty simultaneously published online articles discussing the “Wikipedia Art” project, which were then cited back on the “Wikipedia Art” page, both giving it “notability,” and slowly transforming it as a work. A heated deletion debate ensued and 15 hours later, the “Wikipedia Art” page was removed by an 18-year old Wikipedia admin named “Werdna.” The project archive now exists at <wikipediaart.org> where it has, with the help of Public Citizen, withstood a legal threat from the Wikimedia Foundation. Ironically, due to its recent press coverage, a new “Wikipedia Art controversy” page has been anonymously added to Wikipedia.

The original progenitors of the project, Kildall and Stern, are now offering up *Wikipedia Art* for public remix – including all text, the logo and even the name itself – under a Creative Commons license (CC-by). Already, a number of artists have transformed the project into songs, videos, text-based works, prints and more. In an explicit move away from any sort of authorship, Kildall and Stern have defined the artwork as “all discourse and aesthetic derivations surrounding it.”

Wikipedia Art’s initiators invite you to continue their examination into how Wikipedia has reframed knowledge. Join them in this ongoing artistic intervention into epistemology and authority – on Wikipedia, on the Internet, in Venice, and beyond. Despite its absence from the number one source of online information, *Wikipedia Art* perseveres in its temporary yet virtual housing in Italy (and Everywhere Else).

Please upload your remixed *Wikipedia Art Work* somewhere on the Internet (youtube, vimeo, flickr, Facebook, your own site), and send a link to: remix@wikipediaart.org.

The ongoing remixes are at: <http://wikipediaart.org/remixes>