

Content Liberation

Wikimedia, Copyright & Concerns for Museums

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What is Wikimedia?

- Wikipedia established in 2001.
 - 10 years later - articles
 - 3.5 million in English
- Led to the creation of Wikimedia to oversee other projects:
 - WikiBooks, WikiSource, Commons, Wikitionary



Mona Jimbo

What is Wikimedia Commons?

(..give me all your images and no one will be harmed!)

- Established in 2004
- Central repository for images, videos and sound
- All uploads must be GNU, Creative Commons, public domain
- Images become free for the world to use, preferably for education

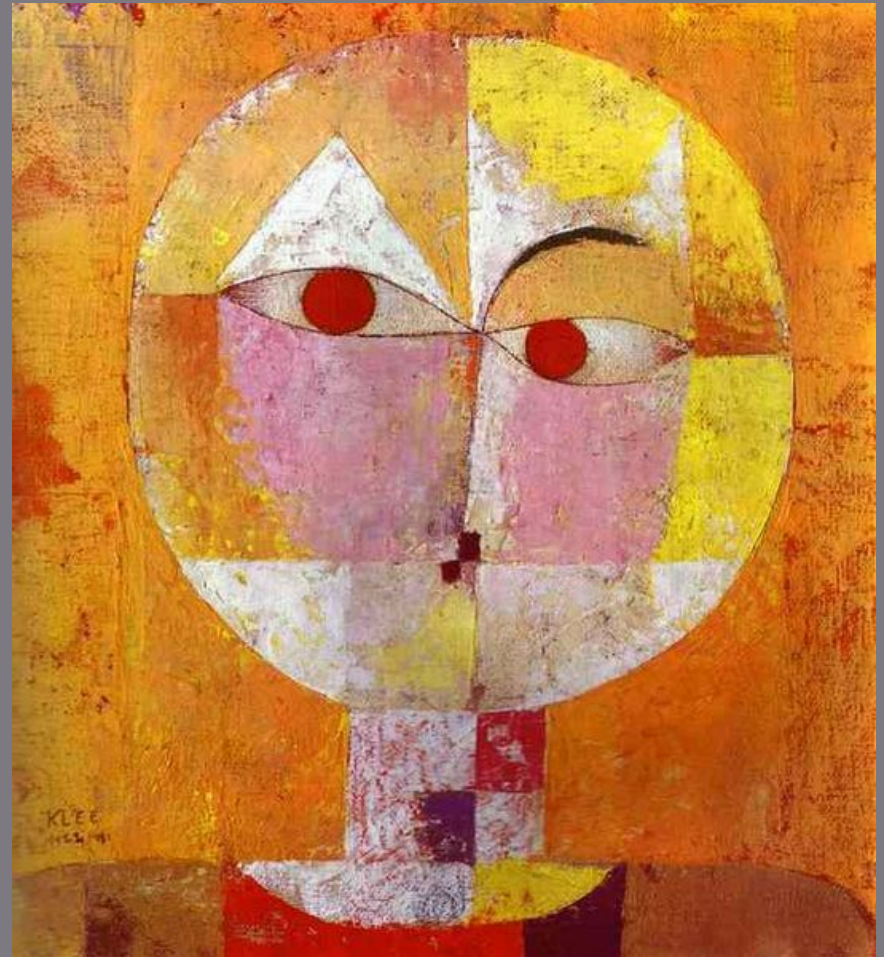


Picture of the Year 2006
By Senior Airman Joshua Strang

What is Content Liberation?



1. Digitized
2. Published online
 1. High res
3. Released (if still in-copyright) under free-culture approved stamp.
4. Uploaded to Wikimedia Commons



Senecio, Paul Klee, 1922

What museums fear...

the only thing to fear is....who's going to use our object?

- Misuse of object images
 - Excitement about further publishing, but..
 - Fear of improper use
- Losing money
 - NPG in London made \$600,000+ from sales
- NPG threatens legal action
- Other concerns



Anne Boleyn, Unknown, late 16th century

GLAM-WIKI = #WIKILOVE



- GLAM WIKI
 - Collaboration events
 - GLAM-WIKI:UK
- “Wikimedia takes a stand, so you don’t have to.”



If you love something,
set it **free**.

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