

## Fan reactions to Kreator's theft

As Karl Walterbach and Kreator's management know, the cost of taking a large record company to court will be extremely expensive and very time and energy consuming. That's why they're confident they can break the law.

Instead I believe that I only need the truth, and to share it with fans. Both are on my side, as these responses show:

**Tito Van de Spiz** Pleasure to steal?...You deserve a recognition for your art...good luck, Philip!!!

**Jamie Fulton** Get what is due to you! They've made money off the merchandise and sales of the music over many years. For them to tell you to fuck off is insulting. Asking for some sort of royalties is not out of line by any stretch of the imagination. Good luck with whatever you decide to do Philip, your artwork was a large part of what made me want to buy their albums in the first place.

**Pat Clancy** Well it seems you have made every attempt for an amicable solution but if the door is closed in your face then you have no choice to let the solicitors deal with it.

**Jordan Kaliontzoglou** yes Philip you are right !! get what you deserve!!!!

**Ken Blackmore** Noise records was never the most professional of labels – just ask Tom G Warrior. Good luck, Phil, and like everyone else here, I've always loved your art.

**Joel Marttinen** That's so childish to tell you to get lost, after all you created some of my favourite album covers (Emperor's Return, Go And Live.. Stay And Die.. I actually own a bootleg t-shirt of that album). You should earn some cut at least, you did the work. Printing is super simple, Painting is not. And believe me or not, if the fans are true Kreator fanatics they would easily understand this issue. You just should earn at least something of these beauties.

**Larry West Productions** Hey Philip, Try to talk to the new management and work out a new deal, or whoever is handling all of it. If the old guard are still in charge and stonewalling, take them to court if needed. I understand as an artist and a fan that it's about doing the right thing. Keep it up, and keep up the good fight! :)

**Petre Claudiu** YOUR DECISION IS RIGHT AND I AGREE WITH YOUR DECISION PHILIP. I AM SORRY FOR KREATOR BUT THE LAW IS THE LAW. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BENEFIT TO ANY MERCHANDISE ARTICLES WITH KREATOR WITH YOUR DESIGN. YOU NOT HAVE ANY FOLTH. IN THIS CASE KARL FUCK KREATOR AND HIM HAVE A ALL FOLTH FOR THIS SITUATION. I AM I AGGRE HOW YOU PROCED IN THIS CASE. MILLE MUST UNDERSTEND WHAT IL TELL YOU, KARL FUCK MILLE AND KREATOR. GO TO THE END

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DONT STOP THE WAR WITH HIM TO THE FINAL VICTORY.LIKE I TELL YOU,I AM TO YOUR SIDE.

**Lüüýs Khármhönä** I agree with you. You tried to reason with them and they are acting like bastards. I assume that they don't like having their records bootlegged, so they shouldn't be doing this since you are the artist responsible for the artwork they used...

Do what you have to do and sue them.

**Cazz Grant** I love the old art and the old Kreator, both have a great place in my mind and youth and soul....get what's due to you. Especially, if they are deliberately trying to tell you to "fuck off." Mille and crew I'm sure have the dough, the producers and labels may have to pay.....they may even settle. Get what is rightly yours.

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**Eric Syre** Being nice never pays. I'd say sue them all and gather whatever you can!

**Margie Eib** you tried to be nice, and they wanted nothing to do with you, sue them, do not let them to continue to benefit from your talent without sharing that benefit.

**Joel Marttinen** You definitely should get at least something. So unfair, if you don't get anything from the sales. I'm totally on your side on this case.

**Aleks Sovdat Philip** .. I think you've been more than fair towards the ignorant band as much as I like their music, I don't like this kind of attitude..

Go claim your rights!

**Wes Cueto** Given the reputation and success of Kreator your claim to your own work is perfectly valid Philip, which is why it is very cool of you to not take them to court about it. You are "keeping it real" as we say here in America and your fans stand behind you.

**Silvio Brandespim**

It's not fair at all that's my opinion. It's not right Mille and the manager treat you and threaten you like that...so you should go ahead and fight for your rights. Gosh...it's really piss me OFF. Almost same situation the immortal Derek Riggs faced with Iron Maiden. Goddamn we're designers....so what we create should be recognized as our masterpiece. It's part of us so YOUR ART BELONGS TO YOU ever! Fight for your rights..than maybe they will learn even in not pleasant way how to respect and respect your work..YOU DESERVE IT!

**Zain Orion** You've got the moral/ethical high ground, here. It's your artwork, you

should get paid for it.

**Chris Aubert** GO CLAIM YOUR RIGHTS! They shall practice what they preach! Always complaining about mp3, streaming and stuff... But you are suffering the same here!

**Joe Cangelosi** I agree...get paid... the thing bands forget is to remember. are the people who help to bring them to where they are...from the fans who basically support and buy their music and merch as well as the artists and other people behind the scenes who contribute and are rarely recognized for their efforts... the least they can do is compensate them for their work

**Miguel Melendrez** As an artist I'm 100% in your side you deserve royalties since the day they started making money with your art!

**Tim Fu Zius** Gibts nicht einen guten Streitschlichter???

**Kjetil Hektoen** ... of course you deserve to get paid for the work you did for the company/bands.

**Mario Dahmen** Get what's yours! ;)

**Roger Jolly** You should claim your rights!!!

**Chips & Beer The Magazine** It's not like the band is just starting out. They/the label have money. Yeah, fuckin' pay the guy already!

**Stephan Hoff** shame on you, mille! pay the artist!! this is a violation Act concerning Copyright in Designs and Models

**Johan de Jager** sad to hear that this has been the modus operandi from Kreator's side. I am an upstart creative and have also experienced great reluctance to pay for good creative work, no matter how reasonable the costing. This is detrimental for us artists!

**Joaquin Abente** "if you think it has substance go ahead and start legal action. karl" That's a major GO right there, man. You deserve to get paid for your work. It is yours, after all. I think you attitude towards the whole thing really speak out what kind of artist you are, and I think it's really admirable. Truly keeping it real.

**Myrian Resquin** As an artist, I truly understand you, you deserve to get paid, go ahead!  
Good luck, I hope you can succeed.

**Andre Nobik** Get paid!

**elix Uwe Bräunle** i will post it on my page... i hope it will help you ;) stay horny sleep naked! \m/

**Ever Estigarribia** Go on and sue them Philip! You already tried the friendly way, and that disrespectful manager showed a very bad attitude. Just claim your right as an artist.

**Drunken Metal League** Philip Lawvere Art we've already share this on our wall, hope you'll get what you deserve lml

**Jaime Fdz Castro** Since I knew this history, I see Mille otherwise, only import the money! These artworks that you created, they are a Kreator's part and you are part of Kreator too, they should be grateful for it to you, and to give what corresponds to you! You are part of metal history man, Kreator, Celtic Frost, Warrant, Deathrow..... In this theme, I am with you! TOTAL SUPPORT!!!

**Alexandra Divinskaya** Someone said something like "I never saw anyone who would buy a shirt or a cd just because of the design": Hi, I have a shitload of t-shirts of bands I didn't even hear, just cause the design was so freaking good – I just had to take it so yeah, get your money, art matters

**Denis Morozov** decent talk

Frazetta also used to conflict with swinish business:

"They paid me peanuts and kept the art. I wasn't about to paint little masterpieces for \$200 and let them keep the art. And what compounded it was I found out they were selling my originals to interested fans for two or three times what they paid me in the first place! Their books made money because of my covers, then they turn around and made more money off of the actual art -- and acted like they were doing ME a big favor! Lancer called me out of the blue and said, 'We'll pay twice the amount of Ace, and yes, the art belongs to you.' I got pretty excited about Conan; I figured it was right up my alley. I could really pull out all the stops. I was fresh in the business so I didn't dare go too far. But there was something... Oh boy! The minute they mentioned it images popped right into my head."

I dare quote the letters of Robert E. Howard:

"I've always had a honing to make my living by writing, ever since I can remember, and while I haven't been a howling success in that line, at least I've managed for several years now to get by without grinding at some time clock-punching job. There's freedom in this game; that's the main reason I chose it....

Life's not worth living if somebody thinks he's in authority over you."

"I haven't been any kind of success, financially, though I have managed to get by. I could have studied law, or gone into some other occupation, but none offered me the freedom writing did— and my passion for freedom is almost a obsession. I honestly have paid the price of freedom by living with Spartan simplicity, and doing without things I really wanted. Of course, I've always hoped to some day make more

than a bare living out of the game, and I was beginning to do that, when the markets started cracking up."

**Lurchi Douk** Dammit. That's pretty stupid and annoying of Kreator and Karl Walterbach ... If I knew that earlier, I wouldn't have bought Kreator merch which features your AWESOME art some years ago.

**Jole Marttinen** You definitely should get at least something. So unfair, if you don't get anything from the sales. I'm totally on your side on this case.

**Steve Mavrelos** You should certainly be entitled to something. That is your intellectual property just like the music is theirs.

**Daniel Mateu Pardo** Total support Philip! Fight for your Rights!!!

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