

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS USED IN ART

2nd ed - Second edition: prints of the same image as the original edition but altered in some way (as in change of color, paper, or printing process).

2nd st - Second state: prints of proofs that contain significant changes from the original print.

AP - Artist's proof (see definition).

Del - (Latin, delineavit) He (she) drew it. Generally inscribed next to the artist's signature.

E.A. - (French, epreuve d' artist) An artist's proof (see definition).

Exc or Imp - (Latin, excudit) He (she) executed it. The meaning is synonymous with (Latin, impressit) he (she) printed it.

H.C. - (French, hors d'commerce) Prints from an edition intended to be used as sample to show to dealers and galleries. .

Inc. or Sculp - (Latin, incidit) He (she) cut it. The meaning is synonymous with (Latin, impressit) He (she) carved it. These abbreviations refer to the individuals who engraved the master plate.

Inv. or Invent ~ (Latin, invenit) He (she) designed it. Generally inscribed next to the artist's signature.

Lith. or Litho - Lithographed by, and usually follows the name of the printer of the lithograph.

Pinx. - (Latin, Pinxit) He (she) painted it. Generally inscribed next to the artist's signature.

PP - Printer's proof (see definition). TP - Trial proof (see definition).