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This language matches the legal definition of a joint work. The authors merge their pieces into one work.

JOINT AUTHOR AGREEMENT

The parties listed below desire to collaborate in the creation of a literary work entitled "A NIGHT AT THE RACES".

The parties undertake to create the literary work jointly. It is their intention that their individual contributions **merge** into inseparable or interdependent parts of a **unitary whole**. The copyright in the literary work shall be secured and held jointly by the co-authors in the percentages listed below.

All income, licensing fees, and royalties from the literary work, as well as from any and all subsidiary rights of every kind, shall be divided as follows:

To	<u>Julius "Groucho" Marx</u>	<u>30</u> % (<u>Thirty</u> percent)	The portions don't have to be equal, but they must add up to 100%.
To	<u>Leonard "Chico" Marx</u>	<u>30</u> % (<u>Thirty</u> percent)	
To	<u>Arthur "Harpo" Marx</u>	<u>30</u> % (<u>Thirty</u> percent)	
To	<u>Herbert "Zeppo" Marx</u>	<u>10</u> % (<u>Ten</u> percent)	
	total	100% (One hundred percent)	

Each party shall keep the others fully informed of the progress of all negotiations had in connection with licensing, and the disposition of any subsidiary rights therein. No license for the use or publication of the literary work, or for the disposition of any subsidiary rights therein, shall be valid without the approval of all joint authors/owners.

All must agree to any licenses negotiated for the work.

All moneys shall be paid directly to the joint authors/owners at their respective addresses herein stated below.

In all credits, advertisements, posters, or other printed matter used in connection with the literary work, the names of the parties shall be listed as joint authors. In no event shall any name appear without the others.

All expenses, which may reasonably be incurred under this agreement, shall be mutually agreed upon in advance, and shall be shared according to the percentage of interest of the parties.

Costs are split in the same percent as ownership.

Nothing contained herein creates a partnership between the joint authors. Their relation shall be one of collaboration on a single literary work.

The copyright lasts for the life of the last surviving author +70 years. By definition, the heirs of the 4 joint authors will eventually own the copyright.

The term of this agreement shall be the life of the copyright in the literary work and any renewals thereof.

After the death of a joint author, the survivor(s) shall cause to be paid to the estate of the decedent the decedent's share of the proceeds of the literary work and of subsidiary rights therein, and furnish to the deceased joint authors' estate a true copy of all agreements pertaining thereto.

This agreement shall be to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon and oblige the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of the parties.

Thus agreed and signed this 31st day of September, 2017.

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NOTES:

Each joint author must contribute something independently copyrightable. Their parts must be original expressions in fixed form. This agreement confirms that the individual parts will merge into a single work. Each joint author will then own a percentage of the final work.

Joint authorship agreements must consider that by definition, the copyright will outlast the authors, so provisions must be made for dealing with heirs.

Yes, those are the real names and addresses of the Marx Brothers.

More information on copyright is available at:
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