



Richard
Polsky
with Andy
Warhol.

True or False?

In late October, author, art dealer, and self-described **Andy Warhol** expert **Richard Polsky** announced that he is opening **Polsky's Andy Warhol Art Authentication Service**—a welcome development in an industry where a diminishing number of experts are willing to make such guarantees. "It's terrific for the marketplace that somebody

is willing to step up to the plate," says **Judith L. Pearson**, president and director of **ARIS**, an art title insurance company, adding the caveat that authentication "is a matter of opinion, not a matter of fact." The **Warhol Foundation** dissolved its authentication board in early 2012, following a spate of legal disputes with collectors whose work the foundation refused to authenticate. Polsky's announcement may signal a renewed willingness on the part of authenticators to put themselves at risk. A New York State bill ensuring greater protection for authenticators and providing for the recovery of fees accrued in lawsuits challenging their decisions is currently working its way through the legislative system.