Call for Artists

Lan Su Chinese Garden invites artists working in all mediums to submit applications for review for public exhibition in the garden in the 2021 calendar year. Exhibitions typically average two-month durations in an enclosed pavilion within Lan Su. Artists are highly encouraged to visit Lan Su to understand the unique exhibit spaces and environment for a more well-informed submission. Of interest are works from Portland-area/regional artists with themes relevant to the programming and mission of the garden, although all manner of subjects will be considered.

Review of complete applications begins immediately upon receipt. Incomplete applications may not be considered. Note that limited spaces are available as first preference is given to returning artists with whom the garden has an established relationship. All artists considered for exhibition will be contacted for follow up. If selected, agreements will be entered for exhibition sales on a commission basis.

Applications must include:

- Completed “Artist Application” form (see page 2)
- At least 3 high-resolution images of recent work, representative of what you would want to show at Lan Su. Include details about size, format and, if possible, retail gallery price ranges.
- Any other pertinent information you wish to share, including work mediums and inspirations.

The deadline for submitting applications is 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2020.

Email submissions to gardenshop@lansugarden.org
No calls or drop-ins please.
Artist Application

FIRST NAME ______________________  LAST NAME ______________________

EMAIL ______________________  PHONE ______________________

WEBSITE ______________________

@ ______________________  @ ______________________
INSTAGRAM ______________________  FACEBOOK ______________________

@ ______________________  OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA ______________________
TWITTER ______________________

BIOGRAPHY, WRITTEN IN 3RD PERSON, 100 WORDS MAXIMUM:

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FAQ

What is Lan Su Chinese Garden?
Lan Su Chinese Garden, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, serves approximately 165,000 visitors annually. The Mission of Lan Su Chinese Garden is to cultivate an oasis of tranquil beauty and harmony, to inspire, engage and educate our global community in the appreciation of a richly authentic Chinese culture. Much more than just a beautiful botanical garden, Lan Su is a creative wonder — a powerfully inspiring experience based on a 2,000-year-old Chinese tradition that melds art, architecture, design and nature in perfect harmony.

What art mediums are accepted?
All art mediums will be accepted for submission. However, due to the limitations of space, 2-dimensional art typically works best in our exhibiting pavilions.

What types of work have shown in the past?
To see examples of artwork that has previously exhibited at Lan Su, search the hashtag #ArtatLanSu on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter, visit www.lansugarden.org/art and www.lansugarden.org/upcomingart or visit the garden to see the current work on display.

How will I know that my submission has been received?
We will be sending confirmation emails to all individuals that apply. If you submit work and do not receive a confirmation email, please contact us at gardenshop@lansugarden.org.

How soon will I know if I have been chosen to exhibit?
Lan Su will be informing accepted artists by June 30, 2020. Due to the amount of submissions, we will not be able to contact those who are not selected.

What makes a Lan Su show successful?
Exhibiting at Lan Su Chinese Garden is slightly different than your traditional gallery experience. Lan Su sees over 165,000 visitors a year — members, locals & tourists from around the world. Because many of our visitors are traveling, we encourage artists to think about “Grab and Go” items (such as prints and greeting cards) in addition to their originals.

Artists utilizing their social media channels to promote their show & artists who participate in “Meet and Greets” during their exhibit tend to sell better.

How many pieces do I need to have?
The number of pieces necessary varies on size of your work. For example, you will need 8-12 pieces of larger works (around 40” - 60”) but around 12-20 pieces of smaller works (around 12” - 20”).

I’ve already shown at Lan Su, can I apply again?
Yes! We welcome returning artists. However, we do try to plan the exhibits so that no artist shows two consecutive years in a row.