

# FAQ • SPRING 2021

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## **What is Roommate: Living with Tang Art?**

Roommate gives Skidmore students the opportunity to borrow artwork from the Tang collection to hang in their dorm or apartment. Students will be able to throw their name into the hat from February 2 through February 24 at 5:00 PM via an online application available [here](#) [link needed]. On February 25, 55 students (five of whom will be “alternates”) will be selected at random during a Tang Live event and given a number designating the order in which they will be able to select an artwork. On February 28 at Noon, those students will gather via Zoom to select their artwork and sign up for a timeslot to pick it up from the Tang. Students are in charge of hanging the artwork themselves (with tools supplied) and returning it at the end of the semester.

## **How do I participate?**

Fill out an online application available [here](#) by February 24. Doing so will enter your name into the lottery.

## **How and when will I know if I am chosen?**

We will announce the 50 winners live on February 25 at 7:00 PM on Tang Live, which you can access via the [Tang's Instagram account \(https://www.instagram.com/tangteachingmuseum\)](https://www.instagram.com/tangteachingmuseum). We will also email all applicants on the evening of February 25 with the status of their application.

## **If I'm selected, when can I pick my artwork?**

We will host a Zoom event at Noon on February 28 in which students will select their artwork and sign up for a time to pick it up from the Museum. This event will be mandatory for students participating in Roommate. The Zoom link will be sent out in the email that goes out to selected participants on February 25.

**What if all of the works of art that I want are gone by the time my number is called?** Students may forfeit their lottery numbers allowing students who are “alternates” an opportunity to select work.

## **Are all the artworks in the Tang's permanent collection available to borrow?**

No. Only 50 artworks are a part of Roommate: Living with Tang Art.

## **What pieces of art are available?**

Get to know all 50 works available in our online catalogue available [here](#).

## **What if Skidmore decides to go remote and/or a circumstance arises in which I need to move out before the end of the semester?**

In the event that Skidmore decides to go remote or you decide to leave campus for the remainder of the semester, you must make arrangements to return your artwork before you leave campus. Contact Art Loan Program Coordinator Kelsey Renko for more information: [krenko@skidmore.edu](mailto:krenko@skidmore.edu) or by cell 518-423-5855.

**How much does it cost to participate in Roommate: Living with Tang Art?**

There is no cost.

**How many artworks may I borrow?**

Each student is allowed one piece.

**Can I participate in the loan program in multiple years?**

Yes!

**I live off campus; can I still participate in Roommate: Living with Tang Art?**

Yes, but you must reside within Saratoga Springs, NY, and be sure to abide by your rental agreement when hanging the artwork. If you have questions about hanging in your residence, contact your landlord.

**Do I transport and hang the artwork myself?**

Yes! When you arrive at the Tang at your scheduled pickup date and time, Kelsey Renko will wrap the artwork in front of you, give you the proper hanging materials, and answer any questions you may have about successfully transporting and hanging the artwork on your own.

**How do I package the artwork when returning it to the Tang?**

Make sure to save the original packaging you received the artwork in. Wrap the work first in the plastic bag, then the bubblewrap.

**Can I put my artwork in a different frame?**

No. You cannot for any reason remove the artwork from its frame.

**How can I clean my artwork?**

You should only lightly dust the plexiglass and frame using a clean, soft cotton cloth. DO NOT use any cleaning sprays like Windex, which will damage the plexiglass.

**If I damage my artwork or frame, what should I do?**

Lay the work face up on a flat surface and do not try to fix it. Contact Art Loan Program Coordinator Kelsey Renko immediately at [krenko@skidmore.edu](mailto:krenko@skidmore.edu) or by cell 518-423-5855.

**What happens if I no longer want to live with my artwork or want a new one?**

If you want to return your piece to the Tang prior to the date specified on the Loan Agreement, you must contact Kelsey Renko to set up a drop-off time. However, you may not exchange your artwork for another.

**What should I do if I move dorm rooms or apartments?**

Please contact Kelsey Renko if you move so we can update our files.

**What if I have other questions?**

Please contact Kelsey Renko at [krenko@skidmore.edu](mailto:krenko@skidmore.edu) or by cell 518-423-5855.

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