

FAQ • SPRING 2020

How do I take part in Roommate: Living with Tang Art?

On Sunday, January 26, currently enrolled Skidmore students will be able to borrow one of 50 artworks from the Tang collection on a first-come, first-served basis. While the program officially starts at 9:00 AM, we will open the doors to the Tang and start handing out buttons numbered 1-60 (why 60? see below), representing a spot in line, at 6:00 AM.

Do I really need to arrive at 6:00 AM?

We don't know! Many students have told us that they will arrive then, so if you want a good spot, we suggest you arrive earlier rather than later. But since this is our first year doing this, we're not sure. There's a chance that all 60 buttons will be claimed before 9:00 AM.

Which entrance should I use Sunday morning?

Use the entrance closest to the Tang parking lot. The doors facing Case Center will be locked.

What happens between 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM?

You will wait (sleep?) in the Somers classroom with coffee and donuts provided by the Tang.

Can I leave the Tang once I receive my button and return later?

No, you must remain at the Tang. If you leave the Tang, you forfeit your button and place in line.

What happens at 9:00 AM?

The Tang staff will bring groups of students, five at a time, into the Payne Room to choose their artwork. Once you choose a work, we'll package your artwork and have you sign an agreement form. We will continue the process until all 50 works have been selected.

Do I need to bring anything?

You will need your current Skidmore student ID.

Are all the works in the Tang's permanent collection available to borrow?

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

Why is the Tang handing out 60 buttons when there are only 50 works available?

While we love all the Roommate artwork, we can imagine that some students may, when their number is called, decide that they do not want to borrow any of the

remaining pieces. Students holding buttons 51-60 are, effectively, our waiting list. We want to make sure all 50 works find a good home!

What happens if it's raining or snowing? Should I carry the artwork back to my dorm or apartment in bad weather?

While the program will go on regardless of the weather, we are working on a contingency plan for artwork pickup/drop-off in case of inclement weather. We may arrange for an alternate pickup date or Tang staff may deliver the work to you. We'll keep you posted on Sunday.

Can Skidmore faculty or staff participate in Roommate: Living with Tang Art?

No. The program is only for currently enrolled Skidmore students.

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

There is no cost. However, if you return the artwork late, you are subject to a \$50 fine

How many artworks may I borrow?

Each student is allowed one piece per year.

I live with other Skidmore students. Can each of us borrow an artwork and hang them in the same home?

Yes. Each student is allowed one piece per year.

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

Yes! However, be sure to abide by your rental agreement when hanging the art work. If you have questions, contact your landlord.

Can I participate in the loan program over multiple years?

Yes! We plan to continue this for years to come!