Application for Exhibition at the Japanese Friendship Garden

The Japanese Friendship Garden is now accepting applications from artists, collectors, and organizations for the upcoming 2018-2020 exhibit. Applications are open to all artists, collectors, and organizations of any background and at any stage of their career. Exhibitions at the Japanese Friendship Garden preserve, promote, and educate visitors about Japan's artistic and cultural heritage and community legacy; foster artistic and cultural exchange among people of diverse backgrounds; and provides opportunity for public dialogue and artistic expression while encouraging collaborative projects with organizations within and outside of the community.

Criteria

An accepted submission will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the Japanese aesthetic and how the aesthetic has directly or indirectly influenced their work while presenting a number of the following criteria:

- Promotion of an understanding of Japanese art, culture, heritage, and/or history
- through the appropriateness of subject, technique, and/or style
- Enhancement of the Japanese Friendship Garden’s mission and evokes the spirit
- of the Japanese Friendship Garden
- Incorporation of educational content ranging from artistic technique and development to historical information
- Ability to provide additional activities (i.e. workshop, lecture, and/or demonstration)
- Reflection of vitality and originality of artistic expression
- Relevance to Japanese Friendship Garden special events, cultural holidays, annual programming, and/or relation to other events or exhibits in the community
Application Requirements

To be considered, all applicants are required to complete and submit the following before the deadline:

Exhibit Proposal

Artist statement
1. Statement of purpose (Exhibit proposal describing the Scope, content, and purpose of the exhibition including types of medium)
2. CV or resume
3. Portfolio or sample artwork that includes supporting information (i.e. title of work, year, dimensions, and medium)
   - Working links for sound, audio, video samples
4. Diagram or layout proposal

Completed applications can be e-mailed to registrar@niwa.org or mailed to:

Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego
Attn. Emiko Scudder
2125 Park Blvd Ste. 2
San Diego, CA 92101

If approved, the Japanese Friendship Garden issues the Exhibit Contract and Loan Agreement

Exhibition Space

The JFGSSD has two exhibit locations; The exhibitor is highly encouraged to visit these locations to apply.

Exhibit Hall
The Exhibit Hall is located in the upper garden between the Front Entrance and Koi Pond. The Exhibit Hall’s second room overlooks the Stone Garden and koi pond. Three fixed display cases are along the walls and eight cabinets with 16 adjustable glass shelves are available. The Exhibit Hall is lit with LED lights. Light weight objects may be hung in the large wall display cases and cabinets; however, further discussion should be made with the Exhibit Coordinator. Basic black 12” x 12” surface stands are available in various heights: 48” H (4); 30” H (2); 36” H (5); (2) 24” H (3).

The Inamori Pavilion
It is highly recommended applicants visit the location before applying. The Inamori
Pavillion is approximately 3,400 square feet with overhead track lighting and a center partition for smaller exhibition space. Free standing display cases in various sizes are available.

**Traveling Exhibits or International Exhibitors**

Exhibitors applying outside of San Diego are encouraged to consult with the Exhibit Coordinator before applying to review and discuss the capacity of the Japanese Friendship Garden beforehand. International exhibitors must keep the following in mind when applying:

*The exhibitor is responsible for arranging and covering expenses for the round trip shipment of the collection. The Japanese Friendship Garden is not responsible for any loss or damage during transport.*

- Exhibitor must provide for their own travel and accommodation expenses.
- Exhibitor must be physically present, or have a physical party present to install and dismantle the exhibit.
- If the Exhibitor is unable to be present for the reception, the Japanese Friendship Garden reserves the right to cancel the reception.
- Exhibitor is responsible for providing a translator, if necessary for the Opening Reception and any correlating programming.
- Exhibitor must have their collection insured either through their personal insurance, or the Garden’s policy, which holds up to $10,000 in coverage.

**Contact Information**

For further questions, concerns, or more information, contact us at 619.232.2721 x 1504 or email us at registrar@niwa.org.