

theartleague

2013 Patrons' Show FAQ

Q: How can I view the artwork in the Patrons' Show?

A: You may view the artwork in our Gallery beginning February 6. Artwork will be available to view online through our Flickr site (flickr.com/photos/theartleague) beginning Friday, February 8. The site will be updated as more artwork is donated.

Q: How many pieces should I have on my list?

A: A minimum of 10% of the show should be on your list. You don't know when your name will be called during the drawing. You should come into the gallery *before* the day of the drawing and note your choices in order of preference on the program. Programs are available in the gallery or can be downloaded from our website, www.theartleague.org.

Q: You have a Patrons' Show App this year! What does it do?

A: Yes, we're very excited about our app. It pulls all of the Patrons' Show images from our Flickr site and allows you to rate and sort all of the pieces, similar to creating a Netflix queue. This will help you stay organized (and save paper). The app will be available for download through the iTunes store after February 6.

Q: What is the First Choice Raffle? How does it work?

A: This is a great way to participate in the Patrons' Show fun without buying a ticket, and/or a way to increase your chance of winning your favorite piece! Only one ticket is drawn from the First Choice Raffle, and this is the first ticket drawn of the evening. First Choice Raffle tickets are on sale from February 6 until the drawing begins. Raffle tickets are one for \$15, or two for \$25. First Choice ticket holders write the # and title of the piece they want on their ticket and return it to the Gallery. Purchasers do not have to purchase a Patrons' Show ticket to participate, but they cannot attend the drawing without a full-price ticket. The artist whose work is selected in this drawing receives the \$250 Geri Gordon award.

Q: What is the Popular Vote Award?

A: Your choice for best in show at the Patrons' Show! Each ticket holder will receive a "Popular Vote" ballot. Turn these into the gallery before the drawing. The artist who wins the popular vote award receives the \$100 Charles E. Beatley award.

Q: Do you provide chairs for seating?

A: Yes, we provide chairs for seating during the drawing. Do not bring chairs or other furniture. This creates a safety/access problem in the Torpedo Factory's main hall and is prohibited by fire codes. Chairs are delivered to each floor beginning at 3:00 pm the day of the drawing.

Q: How does the drawing work?

A: The drawing promptly begins at 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 17. Remember to bring your ticket and a copy of your confirmation e-mail to the drawing. Your e-mail has your seating area. You need your ticket to check out.

The **First Choice** Raffle drawing is the very first "ticket" drawn. This piece will be removed from the pool of available artworks. Then the official drawing begins!

Ticket holder names are called. The ticket holder must then yell the number of the piece they want. Since someone before you may have already chosen your preferred piece, you should be ready with your next choice. Beware of hecklers if you're not ready! Images of the works that are selected appear on screens throughout the Torpedo Factory as they are selected.

This process continues until all tickets have been drawn and all artwork has been selected. We take a break every 200 tickets or so – during this time you may visit the Gallery to refresh your list, check out if your name was called during the previous period, etc. If you cannot be present for the drawing, you may send a proxy with your preference list. The Art League staff cannot select the artwork for you.

Q: What happens if there isn't any artwork left that I want when my name is called?

A: We hope this doesn't happen, but if it does, you can opt to take a tax deduction. (Note: your ticket is ONLY tax deductible if you do not take a work of art home).

Q: How do I get my piece?

A: After approximately 200 tickets have been called there will be a break. Patrons come into The Art League Gallery to collect their piece and line up to check out. If you are staying for the rest of the drawing you do not have to check out until you leave. You can also check out and return to your seat. You must have your ticket print out when you check out. If you are not the person who purchased the ticket please write your name and address on the back of the ticket before you check out.

Q: What happens to the pieces that aren't selected during the drawing?

A: At the close of the event there are typically about 20 pieces that were not selected. These pieces are gathered in the back room of the gallery where a live auction is held. The beginning bid is \$35. Anyone who is willing to stay after everyone has checked out can bid on these pieces. You must be ready to pay with cash, check or credit card.

Q: Do you provide food and drinks?

A: Attendees may bring their own food and drinks. The Art League does not provide alcoholic beverages or food.

Q: May I bring my children to the drawing?

A: Unfortunately, no. Patrons' Show is not appropriate for small children. The event lasts around 6 hours and can be loud and crowded.

Security

The Art League has security guards present to ensure the safety of all our patrons. They check tickets and artwork as patrons enter and leave the building. If necessary, unruly patrons will be asked to leave the event. If you encounter any problems please contact the gallery staff for assistance.

GALLERY HOURS:

Daily, 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Thursdays until 9:00 pm

Special Evening Hours:

Wednesday, February 13, 6:00-9:00 pm

Dates at a glance:

Tickets go on sale: Saturday, January 19, 10:00 am

Exhibit on display: February 6-17

Drawing: Sunday, February 17, 4:00 pm

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