ART TO LIVE WITH

Each fall, Art to Live With offers UChicago students living in residence halls the unique opportunity to borrow original works of art to display in their dorm rooms.

In Autumn 2018, students will be able to select from 150 specially designated artworks in the Smart Museum’s Art to Live With collection, including 10 new acquisitions proposed by students in our Student Advisory Committee.

You can preview the artwork in advance by attending the ART-B-Q, viewing the pop-up exhibition, or liking your favorite pieces on the @art_to_live_with Instagram!

IMPORTANT DATES

ART-B-Q  Thursday, October 4, 2018  
5–8pm | Smart Museum of Art  
Back-to-school BBQ and preview of the Art to Live With collection. Drop in for free food, jam to student bands, and learn more about the works of art available for loan.  
*Pop-up exhibition of the collection on view October 5-6*

ART MATCH  Sunday, October 7, 2018  
8am–noon | Smart Museum of Art  
Select a single work of art to enjoy in your dorm room for the entire academic year. Available to UChicago students living in residence halls. First-come, first-served. FREE.  
*Valid UChicago Student ID required*

RETURN DAY  Monday, May 13 – Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
9am–4pm | Smart Museum of Art  
Time to return the artwork. Try not to get too many tears on the frame.

How do I participate in Art to Live With?

Attend Art Match on Sunday October 7, doors open at 8am. The artwork is loaned on a first-come, first-served basis, so arrive early if you have your eyes on a specific piece. To increase your chances of getting an artwork, some students choose to meet friends and line up the night before!

The “Art Match R.A.” will assign a number as you line up. Your spot in line is only for you; you cannot hold a spot for your friends.

What do I need to bring?

A valid UChicago Student ID, your housemates for good company…and any urban camping essentials!

Urban camping?

Only for the daring! It’s an October night in Chicago, so be sure to wear warm layers and bring blankets. The “Art Match R.A.” will be there throughout evening. Snacks and board games are encouraged and we will provide donuts and coffee to wake you up in the morning!
How do I know what artwork is available for loan?
To see the artwork in person, attend the ART-B-Q and view the pop-up exhibition. If you want to get a jumpstart, check out the @art_to_live_with Instagram to get a behind the scenes look at the 10 new student-directed acquisitions.

They all look so great! Can I borrow more than one?
We appreciate your enthusiasm, but you can only borrow one artwork per year.

I won’t be here fall quarter, but I still want to participate. Can I borrow it later in the year?
As much as we’d like to say yes, artwork can only be borrowed during Art Match.

This sounds awesome, how much does it cost to borrow?
Luckily for you, the Art to Live With program is free thanks to the generous support of Greg Wendt, AB’83 who once borrowed an Art to Live With print by Sven Lukin…available for loan this year!

Who hangs the artwork in my room?
You do! We provide Command Hooks and a hanging & care sheet that guides you through the process.

Can I hang it in my House lounge or common room?
Nope! Artwork can only be hung in your bedroom. It may not be hung in any other location, including bathrooms, House lounges and/or apartment/suite common rooms.

If I move to a new room, or leave campus, what happens to the artwork?
Contact Emily Edwards at 773.834.1989 or emilyedwards@uchicago.edu. If you move within the dorm, the artwork moves with you. You will receive new Command Hooks to rehang the artwork, and must provide your new room number. If you are going abroad, the artwork needs to be returned to the Smart Museum before you leave campus. You must coordinate its early return.

If the artwork is accidently damaged, what should I do?
Do not try to fix it - you risk damaging the work further. Immediately contact Emily Edwards at 773.834.1989 or emilyedwards@uchicago.edu and notify your RAs/RHs. Be prepared to describe exactly what happened. If the frame is unstable, lay the artwork on a flat, clean surface.

What’s the Student Advisory Committee? How can I get involved?
The Student Advisory Committee (SAC) is the voice of the student body to the Smart Museum and a behind the scenes pass to all things Art to Live With! SAC is a great way to meet fellow students, artists and curators, check out art exhibitions across the city, and plan exclusive events just for students at the Smart Museum! If you’re into museums, or art, or think you might be, consider joining SAC! Apply online at smartmuseum.uchicago.edu applications due November 1 at 11:59pm.

I still have questions!
Great! Contact Emily Edwards at 773.834.1989 or emilyedwards@uchicago.edu for more information.