

The FPAC/WBUR Art-Lending Program

The Fort Point Arts Community has a long-time relationship with WBUR, Boston's National Public Radio News Station. For nearly 15 years now FPAC has had an art-lending partnership with WBUR in which FPAC artists loan artwork to be displayed in the WBUR Studio Offices, and WBUR publicizes our Open Studios events (both Fall and Spring) on the air. The art that is loaned to WBUR is enjoyed by all who work in the WBUR Offices, as well as WBUR's many distinguished guests.

Loaning artwork to the program is a wonderful way to support FPAC visibility, Fall and Spring Open Studios, and this special relationship with WBUR. Additionally, the program has resulted in the sale of many pieces to both WBUR's permanent collection, as well as to individuals. All work is insured by WBUR while on display in their offices.

Artwork for loan should be framed (except for works on canvas) and ready for hanging; unfortunately only 2D artwork can be accommodated. We will be in touch about specific dates and details of pick-up and drop-off as the time approaches. If you are an ongoing participant, pick-up and drop off will be at the same time (i.e., you will pick up your work from the previous loan period, and drop off a new piece or pieces at the designated time and place).

Below you will find a listing of FAQs regarding the program.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact us via email at fpacartlending@gmail.com

We hope that you will consider being a part of this important program!

WBUR Art Lending FAQs

How long is the loan period?

The loan period is about 1 and 1/2 years.

Can I get my artwork back before the end of the loan period?

Yes. If you would like your artwork back before the end of the loan period a time can be arranged for you to go to WBUR to collect your piece(s). Ideally you would swap out the current art with a piece or pieces similar in size.

How many pieces should I contribute to the lending program and what size should they be?

Two to three medium sized pieces are ideal; groupings of several smaller pieces are also welcome.

Additionally, there are several spaces at WBUR that can accommodate larger pieces (maximum approximately 6' x 6'). If you do intend to contribute a large piece of artwork, please inform the Lending Coordinator in advance so that suitable wall space can be reserved.

Is the artwork insured while at WBUR?

Yes, the artwork is fully insured.

Will my name be displayed with my artwork?

Yes. All artwork on display will have complete labels including the artist name.

How does the art get to WBUR?

There will be collection location in Fort Point where you will drop off work for the lending program, and pick up art from the previous loan period. At this time a lending form will be completed. From there the artwork will be taken by van to WBUR and installed by a group of FPAC volunteers.

How should artwork be packed?

Please pack your artwork for travel (bubble wrap/cardboard corners etc.). Although the utmost care will be taken in the transport of your artwork, protective packing is recommended.

Is there a commission taken on sold works?

No. In the event that someone is interested in purchasing a piece, the Lending Coordinator will connect the potential buyer with the artist for arrangements to be made.

Can I go to see the art while it's on display?

Yes. If you would like to see the works on display at the studio, arrangements can be made for you to take a tour of the space.

Where is WBUR located?

WBUR is located at 890 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. It is reachable by car and by public transit on the Green Line's B Train- St. Paul Street stop.