



LYDON
EMERGING ARTIST
PROGRAM AT
CONTEMPORARY CRAFT
OVERVIEW



*Powdercoated Necklace
(detail) by 2014 LEAP
Finalist Ashley Buchanan*

OVERVIEW

- Established in 2007 honoring Kate Lydon, SCC's Director of Exhibitions, for her 20 years of service to the organization
- Recognizes exceptional emerging talent in the contemporary craft field and provides opportunities for early career artists to bring their artwork to the consumer market
- Retail gallery program which features, markets and sells the work of one winner and 6 finalists
- \$1000 prize, national promotion and one-year exhibit for winner; finalists receive special features on rotating basis throughout 2017

EXPERT JUROR

Brigitte Martin is the creator and Editor-in-Chief of crafthaus, a social network and online art community for professional craft artists worldwide. As the national juror and curator for crafthaus, Brigitte is at the forefront of current trends and happenings in the international craft community and is committed to bringing awareness beyond the usual art and craft circles.

ELIGIBILITY

- LEAP is open to exceptionally talented artists who are in the early stages of their career. "Emerging" artists may have had some professional experience (i.e., exhibitions, sales, publication, etc), but not yet have established reputations as artists.
- Artists must work in craft media: ceramics, wood, metal/jewelry, glass, found materials, mixed media, fiber or a combination of these materials

AWARD

\$1000 cash prize

NUMBER

7 artists will be chosen to participate in LEAP (1 winner/6 finalists)

LEAP AWARD CALENDAR

- **Call for Artists begins July 1, 2016**
- **Deadline for Entries September 30, 2016**
- **Notification of Finalists October 14, 2016**
- **LEAP features begin January 16, 2017**