



LYDON  
EMERGING ARTIST  
PROGRAM AT  
CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

contemporary craft

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# LEAP Award 2019/2020

## OVERVIEW

- Established in 2007 honoring Kate Lydon, Contemporary Craft (CC)'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 4 finalists
- \$1,000 prize, national promotion, special feature on newsletter and one-year retail exhibit for winner; finalists receive special features on rotating basis from July 2019 to June 2020.
- Finalists generally have a three (3) month store feature but may be extended based on customer feedback and sales

## 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 currently open to artists reside in the United States.
- 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

## SALES

Upon being selected to participate, CC will receive a 50% commission on artworks sold. Commissions received through CC sales help support the free admission, education and community outreach programs of the nonprofit organization.

## RIGHT TO REPRODUCE

CC reserves the right to photograph exhibited work, and use photographs - or the artist's entry images - in both printed and electronic materials for publicity and promotion.

## AWARDS

\$1,000 cash prize to the 2019/2020 winner

## **NUMBER**

5 artists will be chosen to participate in LEAP (1 winner/4 finalists)

## **SHIPPING**

One-way transportation and insurance of finalists' works must be paid by the artist; CC will pay return transportation and insurance costs. Works must be packed securely and double boxed in reusable crates with thorough re-packing instructions.

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST**

Item 1 can be mailed or paid online. (If mailed, postmarked by 12/31/18). Items 2 must be submitted electronically through online application form noted below. Please prepare the following materials **BEFORE** starting the **ONLINE** submission process. ***All six items listed below must be completed in order for you to be considered for the LEAP Award.***

- 1) **\$25 Entry Fee:** Make check or money order payable to **Contemporary Craft** and mail to the below address.

**Contemporary Craft  
2100 Smallman Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

You can also pay the fee via PayPal to: [finance@contemporarycraft.org](mailto:finance@contemporarycraft.org) or through the online application link (to be announced)

- 2) **LEAP Online Application Form:** (Please check CC's website on October 1) Jotform
  - **Statement** - articulating why you believe you are an "emerging" artist and how this award will benefit your studio practice (250-word maximum);
  - **Resume** in **pdf** format (file size must be under 1MB);
  - **Artist Statement** in **pdf** format (file size must be under 1MB);
  - **6 representative images** similar in quality and nature to the work the artist would enter if selected as a finalist, images need not be the exact pieces the artist intends to enter;
  - Each uploaded file must be labeled with your full name and content. For example, **sally.smith.resume.pdf** or **sally.smith.image1.jpg**.

## **LEAP 2019/2020 AWARD CALENDAR**

- Call for Artists begins **October 1, 2018 (Update!)**
- Deadline for Entries **December 31, 2018**
- Notification of Finalists **February 15, 2019**
- LEAP features begin **July 2019** through **June 2020**

## **Questions?**

Email Susan Hillman/Jim Ebbert at [storemanager@contemporarycraft.org](mailto:storemanager@contemporarycraft.org)