

2021 Prospectus

The Art of Planetary Science 2021: Space Travel

Submissions are now open for the annual Art of Planetary Science show at University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory (LPL). The Art of Planetary Science (TAPS) is an exhibition of art—created from and inspired by the solar system and the scientific data with which we explore it. All types and levels of artists and scientists are encouraged to submit to the show!

The Art of Planetary Science has traditionally been held in person, but last year was held entirely online due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This year we are offering a hybrid show, with artwork and events held in an online/virtual format and also in person (barring developments in COVID-19 that lead the leadership body to deem an in-person event unsafe).

We seek visual, audio, and written artwork from the following categories*:

Data Art

Artwork created from scientific research or scientific data for the purpose of planetary science or astrophysics. This includes: quantitative visualizations of scientific information, ideas, or equations; images or graphics created for the purpose of scientific research; and images or visualizations related to the use or operation of scientific or technical instruments. If the data used for the art is not solely the artist's creation, the source of the data must be cited in the description of the piece.

Fine Art

Artwork created primarily for the sake of beauty, inspiration, and artistic self-expression. Artwork should be thematically linked to space, the solar system, astronomy, or related scientific fields. This includes (but is not limited to) painting, drawings, sculpture, astrophotography, music, poetry, clothing, jewelry, pottery, and film.

Optional Theme – Space Travel

For both Fine and Data Art, a themed-category this year will be dedicated to artwork centered on the theme of space travel. Submissions may depict real or imagined modes of transportation across space near and far, either robotic or crewed. The artwork must still be categorized as either Data Art or Fine Art.

*We reserve the right to change the category of any submitted piece at our discretion.

Kid's Art

Works of art created by kids who are 17 years old or under depicting space, solar system objects like planets and stars, space travel, etc. All artistic media will be considered. Kids artwork can also be submitted to the special theme of Space Travel.

Space Shorts

The Art of Planetary Science invites young humans (ages ~5-25) to write a short story of their own for our theme of *Space Travel*. You may find inspiration in Tucson's rich history of space exploration, or perhaps you are inspired by other science-fiction themes such as aliens, lost worlds, interstellar human space travel, space-themed fashion or futuristic robotic worlds. Submit your short story as a PDF format, there is no minimum or maximum page limit.

Submit Artwork

You may submit up to 3 pieces of art by completing a separate submission form for each. To submit your artwork, please fill out the online submission form available on our website.

Shortly after the close of submissions (15 August 2021) we will notify all artists via email if their artwork has been selected for inclusion. Artists can expect a confirmation of inclusion no later than 30 August 2021. If your artwork is selected for the exhibition, the image uploaded upon form submission will be used in our virtual gallery.

Digital Submissions

Whether or not you are submitting work to the physical component of our show, we would like a digital copy of your work to display in our online gallery. We encourage you to upload a high-quality image or other file of the finished piece when submitting your artwork. Please submit the digital version of your work in one of these preferred file types: JPG, JPEG, PNG, TIF, PDF, AVI, MP3, MOV. The maximum file size accepted is 300 MB.

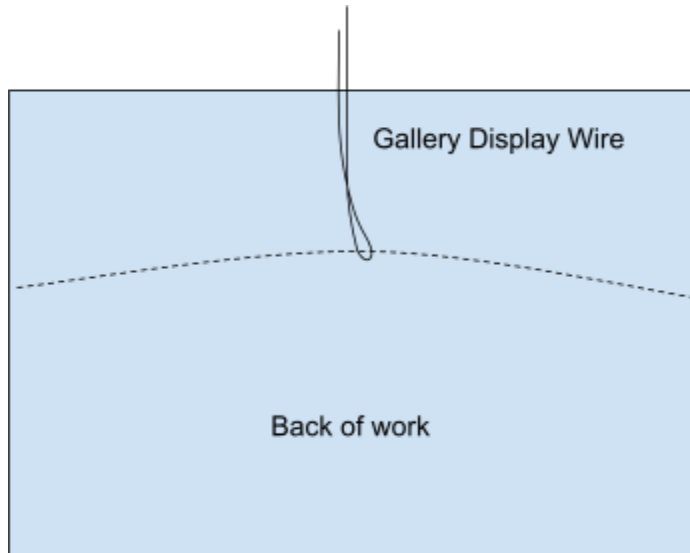
If your art is insufficiently represented at file sizes less than 300 MB (e.g., a 10 minute HD video), please contact us at lpl-art@list.arizona.edu to make arrangements to upload a larger file size.

If your image or file is determined to be of insufficient resolution or quality (too small, pixelated, etc.) by us, it may be rejected. Digital versions of selected art will remain on our website after the event weekend until the end of October 2021.

In-Person Submissions

All artwork must be ready to display upon delivery; artists not prepared by the final day of delivery risk exclusion from the show. 2D art including, canvases, framed pieces,

aluminum prints will be hung from a wire loop as depicted below. **Artwork 3 lbs or heavier requires a hanging wire or other hanging system that can accommodate being hung as shown.**



Smaller than 8.5"x11", less than 3 lbs pieces that can be hung on a single thumbtack are acceptable as is. Artists are welcome to provide personal easels for large or heavy pieces, though we reserve the right to display them however we see appropriate. Prints, photographs, drawings, printed written works, and other artwork on lightweight paper should be matted or mounted on sturdier material. These extremely lightweight pieces will be hung using sticky velcro strips.

3D media will be displayed on table tops, the floor (for large pieces), or hung if appropriate. Artists should provide any desired stands, pedestals, ropes, etc. Videos are limited to 15 minutes in length, and should be in a format compatible with Windows Movie Maker (typically .avi, .mp4, .mov, .mpeg).

Awards and Prizes

The show will be juried by professionals from both art and scientific fields. All awards, except People's Choice, will be determined by these professionals. People's Choice will be determined by votes from the public. Awards will be issued to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in Fine Art, Data Art, and Kid's Art. One People's Choice winner will be chosen from all submitted artworks. All participants will be named Lunar & Planetary Laboratory Participating Artists and featured on our website.

Sale of Artwork

You may choose to list your artwork for sale at the event, however LPL cannot facilitate business transactions. We will provide space on the virtual gallery to list your artwork for sale, if desired.

Interested buyers will be responsible for initiating contact with you to make a purchase. If you make a sale as a result of this event, we kindly suggest you donate 10–20% of the proceeds to LPL to help sustain future Art of Planetary Science events. This donation is not required.

Important Dates: All times are in Mountain Standard Time (MST)

Online Submission Opens: May 14th, 2021

Online Submission Closes: 11:59 pm, August 15th, 2021

Notification of Inclusion: August 30th, 2021

Virtual Show Events:

5 PM – 9 PM on September 24, 2021

1 PM – 5 PM on September 25, 2021

In-person Show Hours (Subject to adjudication of safety):

5 PM – 9 PM on September 24, 2021

1 PM – 5 PM on September 25, 2021

11 AM - 3 PM on September 26, 2021

Artwork will remain on our website after the event weekend until the end of October 2021.

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