

Calling all artists!

An exciting opportunity to contribute to the restoration of a historical water feature in Wandsworth

Coronations Gardens is a beautiful, historical Edwardian park set in Southfields. In 2024, the fountain based in the heart of the gardens will undergo a full refurbishment to restore it to its former 1904 glory.



Putney School of Art and Design (PSAD) and the Friends of Coronation Gardens would love for a local artist to contribute to this restoration, by designing a replacement figurine to complete drinking fountain.

For more details regarding the brief, how to submit your design and the deadlines to do so, please visit <https://www.psad.org.uk/> or <https://www.psadfriends.org.uk/>



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The Brief

Brief: to design a replacement figurine to complete the restoration of the Coronation Gardens drinking fountain. The chosen design will be fabricated and installed on to the fountain, with prize money of £750 awarded to the winning designer.

Fountain: the fountain is original, described as rough-hewn granite with an Art Nouveau-style bowl, and ornamental railings to one side. A figurine was originally placed at the front of the fountain above the drinking bowl and flourishing a water jug. It disappeared, believed stolen, many years ago along with a commemorative plaque at the back of the fountain.

As part of the fountain's refurbishment to restore it to its original working condition and former 1904 glory, we would like to re-install a figurine, something that nods to the past but also has a contemporary feel. Note: it must be able to be securely fitted to the fountain.

Material: ideally bronze, but other materials could be considered.

Dimensions: Length: 40-60 cm, Width: 22-30 cm, Depth: 10-15 cm

Submissions: 2D submission may be in any format, through any preferred style (such as pencil, charcoal, ink, watercolours, or computer aided design), hand drawn using any materials or computer-generated design. 3D maquettes can be made in any materials including clay, wood, cardboard etc. The maquette should be no more than 300mm.

Criteria for submission: You must either be a student at PSAD or a practising artist in the Wandsworth Borough. Site visit to the gardens is a requirement.



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Deadlines

Deadlines: 2D deadline 16 April 2024 – email psad@enablelc.org or hardcopies to Reception (Main & 3D Campus) (shortlisted students will be notified by 26 April 2024)

Shortlisted designs should be made into a 3D maquette (any preferred media can be used). PSAD will offer materials and support in this phase to help students who may not have previous experience in 3D work.

3D deadline 10 June 2024 – models submitted to Reception (Main & 3D Campus).

Winning design

Choosing a winner: A winner will be announced at the Annual Summer Exhibition on 21 June 2024 with the prize money sponsored by Friends of PSAD.

It is hoped that the chosen design will be fabricated by a professional and installed during the summer of 2024 with the winning design taking pride and place in Coronation Gardens.

Note: The fabrication and production of the winning design will be coordinated by Friends of Coronation Gardens in partnership with Enable and Wandsworth Borough Council.



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