

Jinsol Park
The Wish Forest

Through the Wish Forest project I hope to take further the idea of a wish tree as a form of public art that has been explored by a number of artists, perhaps most famously by Yoko Ono.

This project, while keeping the notion of collective hope and longing and of art as a collaborative and interactive process, adds an element of choice in the process of wish making. Rather than spotting a tree inside a gallery, participants are invited by a series of signs to a relatively secluded location on campus. Only when they choose to follow the signs and find the 'wish forest' along with instructions then they have the choice whether to actually participate in the work. Participants are then invited to write down their wishes and attach them to the tree of their choice.

My main goal is to provide the participants an opportunity to become more conscious of each step of the process of their participation, and ultimately of the act of wish-making itself so that they are more prepared for the ritual, both emotionally and spiritually.



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