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***The Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI) Presents...***

***~ THE TENTH ANNUAL 2011 GREAT GLASS AUCTION ~***

**Saturday, March 26, 2011 | 5:30-9:30 pm**

**Cultural Hall, Palo Alto JCC**

***Benefit Supports Emerging Glass Artists, Aspiring Students and Public Glass Art Education***

**SAN JOSE, Calif. – February 23, 2011** – Come join Bay Area glass lovers, artists, collectors, and patrons as they bid on nearly one hundred pieces of exquisite fine art glass donated by well-known local, national and international artists at The Bay Area Glass Institute's (BAGI) **Tenth Annual 2011 Great Glass Auction**, on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 5:30-9:30 p.m., in the Cultural Hall at the Palo Alto Jewish Community Center (JCC). This exciting benefit auction and crucial fundraiser is instrumental in funding BAGI's ongoing public education programs. Funds raised at the this year's Auction will help defray operational costs to run the BAGI studios, sponsor a portion of the Visiting Artist Program, and help expand outreach efforts to students of all ages including BAGI's new children's classes. This magical evening features silent and live auctions of one-of-a-kind glass art, awards to outstanding glass artists, as well as cocktails and a gourmet dinner.

Tax-deductible tickets for the **Tenth Annual 2011 Great Glass Auction** range in price from \$150-\$1000 and are available online at: <http://bagi2011.eventbrite.com/>. For additional ticket information, please contact Mark Murai at 408.993.2244 or [mark.murai@bagi.org](mailto:mark.murai@bagi.org).

## **RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ARTISTS**

A highlight of the Auction evening will be the announcement of the prestigious Saxe Fellowship Award for outstanding craftsmanship and achievement in glass chosen in a juried competition, as well as the People's Choice Award, selected by auction attendees, that honors the best piece contributed by a local artist. The Saxe Fellowship jurors this year are: Susan Krane, Executive Director, San Jose Museum of Arts and world renowned collector Dorothy Saxe of San Francisco, California.

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## 2011 GLASS ARTISTS

Local and nationally known glass artists confirmed thus far to participate in the 2011 auction include: Mark Abildgaard, Beck Alexander, George Aslanis, Dean Bensen, Melissa and Keith Bispo, Terri Bromberg, Larry Cazes, Tracy Cazes, Vivki Cederquist, , Lionel Chapital, Shirley Cook, Bernard D'Onofrio, Matt Eaton, Steve Fader, Ian Gilula, Linda Goldstein, Justin Green, Shaun Griffiths, Jaime Guerrero, Theoren Hanks, Susan Haskell, Colin Heaney, Ann Hollingsworth, Martin Janecky, Michael Janis, Chris Johnson, Vladimira Klumpar, Ilona Lindsay, Jeff Lindsay, Elizabeth Ryland Mears, Kari Minnick, Chris Moore, Melanie Moertel, Anne Morhauser (Annieglass), Mark Murai, Jay Musler, Rick and Janet Nicholson, Michael Nourot, Tone Orvik, David Patchen, Jenny Pohlman and Sabrina Knowles, Deva Priya, Toland Sand, Jon Scally, Curt Schauer, Jonathon Schmuck, Treg Silkwood and Candance Martin, Preston Singletary, Rich Small, David Sommers, Michael Sosin, Tom Stanton, Ethan Stern, Cassandra Straubing, Randy Strong, Boyd Sugiki and Lisa Zerkowitz, Demi Theofanous, Cappy Thompson, Jane Tivol, Pamina Tryalor, Tom Upchurch, Jennifer Umphress, Char Walker and Mary B. White. Visit the BAGI website at [www.bagi.org](http://www.bagi.org) to view the latest artist updates.

"We are excited to bring the Auction to Palo Alto this year and once again provide guests with a truly unique opportunity to view and bid on so many beautiful pieces of the highest quality glass art. For both the novice and experienced collector there will be amazing pieces that will enhance any collection," said auction co-chair, Steven Aldrich. "The Auction not only brings together artists and patrons together for a fantastic event, but will help BAGI continue to provide outstanding – and unique – artistic and educational programs that will benefit the entire community," he added.

## ABOUT THE BAY AREA GLASS INSTITUTE

The mission of the Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI) is to make the celebration of glass art accessible to all and provide continued artistic and educational growth to artists, patrons and the community. BAGI is the only public access glass-working facility in the Santa Clara County. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, BAGI is funded in part by the City of San Jose and the Arts Council Silicon Valley. We educate the public about glass art by teaching a variety of glass-working classes, offering tours of our facility, bringing in internationally renowned as well as local guest artists to conduct free demonstrations & lectures. BAGI's two signature events are the *Great Glass Pumpkin Patch*<sup>®</sup> and the *Annual Great Glass Auction*. BAGI is located at 401 E. Taylor Street, Suite 115, San Jose, CA 95112. Phone: 408.993.2244; Email: [studio@bagi.org](mailto:studio@bagi.org); Web: [www.bagi.org](http://www.bagi.org).

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