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***Maestro* Lino Tagliapietra Returns to the Museum of Glass Hot Shop in February**

Tacoma, Wash. — Italian glass *Maestro* Lino Tagliapietra will spend two weeks in the Museum of Glass (MOG) Hot Shop from February 10 through 21. Over the weekend of February 13 and 14, Museum visitors will be treated to awe-inspiring glassmaking demonstrations, as the *Maestro* and his world-renowned team of artists make the largest vessels of his residency—a feat that requires incredible skill, strength, and seamless teamwork.

“We are thrilled to welcome Lino Tagliapietra back to the Hot Shop this year. His residency provides our visitors with the opportunity to see the art of glassmaking at its finest,” shares Susan Warner, Artistic Director of Museum of Glass. “By watching this master at work, I know visitors will gain an understanding of, and appreciation for, the artistic vision and skill required to receive the title of *Maestro*.”



Lino Tagliapietra and Jen Elek in the MOG Hot Shop; Photo by Russell Johnson.

Tagliapietra’s Visiting Artist Residency will kick off with a “Tips and Tricks” special presentation in the Hot Shop on February 10 starting at 9 am. Artist John Kiley will provide in-depth commentary about glassmaking techniques while Tagliapietra works. The presentation is open to the public and included with Museum admission.

The public is also invited to attend a live auction during Tagliapietra’s residency. The *Maestro* will create a piece to be auctioned live in the Museum’s Hot Shop as it comes out of the annealer on Sunday, February 14, at 12:30 pm.

Tagliapietra’s residency will stream live online at museumofglass.org/glassmaking/live-from-the-hot-shop.

Special hours of operation will apply during Tagliapietra’s two-week residency:

- Museum of Glass will open early to the general public at 9 am Wednesday through Friday during both weeks of Tagliapietra's residency (February 10 – 12 and February 17 – 19). The timing of Tagliapietra's last piece of the day will vary, but the Museum will remain open until 5 pm.
- Members-only hours will be held on both Saturday, February 13, and Saturday, February 20, from 9 to 10 am.
- Tagliapietra will not work in the Hot Shop on Presidents' Day, however, the Museum will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on Monday, February 15. Greg Owen, artist and Audience Engagement Manager at MOG, will be the Guest Artist in the Hot Shop.

Museum of Glass is sponsored in part by City of Tacoma Arts Commission, ArtsFund, The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, The Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, and The Dimmer Family Foundation.



Hours and Admission

Museum and Store open Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Third Thursdays 10 am to 8 pm, and Sundays 12 pm to 5 pm until Memorial Day. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Open Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Presidents' Day. Museum and Store open Monday through Sunday during Summer months, Memorial Day through Labor Day. Open Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

Admission is free for members, \$15 general, \$12 seniors, military and students (13+ with ID), \$13 AAA Members, \$12 groups of 20 or more, \$10 groups of 50 or more, and \$5 for children (6-12) years old. Children under 5 are admitted free. Admission is free every third Thursday of the month from 5 pm to 8 pm.

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