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MEDIA ALERT:

Festival of Fire & Ice Returns to Museum of Glass

Tacoma, Wash. — Museum of Glass (MOG) will celebrate its fourth annual Fire & Ice Festival. From November 15 through December 31, MOG will host a variety of Fire & Ice themed activities, performances, and demonstrations for visitors of all ages to enjoy during the holidays. The highlight of our festival will be the creation of arctic animals by the Hot Shop Team. Visitors will have a chance to watch video of penguins, polar bears, and other animals in their natural icy environment while our Hot Shop team creates their version of the same animal out of molten glass.

Visiting Artists

The Visiting Artist program at Museum of Glass provides internationally-known and emerging artists an opportunity to create new works with our Hot Shop Team. Residencies encourage artistic exploration and the expansion of the capabilities of glass. We are pleased to present three talented artists who will be creating new works during MOG's Festival of Fire & Ice.

November 23-25: David Walters

After receiving his BFA in Glass from the Rhode Island School of Design, David Walters moved to Seattle to work for Dale Chihuly, for whom he still works today. There, he met Lino Tagliapietra and began working as Lino's assistant, a role that has taken him all over the world and provided the central influence in his life and work. Walters began experimenting with his signature painted enamel on glass technique in 1995, an intricate narrative style that distinguishes him from other glass artists. Like many others, Walters is a perpetual student of his craft but also guides the next generation, teaching at various institutions. He has also had numerous solo gallery and museum exhibitions.

On November 25, Walters will be joined by the winner of this month's Kids Design Glass contest, while he gives life to their unique design with MOG's talented Hot Shop team.

November 28-December 2: Megan Stelljes

Megan Stelljes was voted as the Artists' Choice award winner at the Museum's 2017 Red Hot Gala. This recognition included a five-day residency at MOG. Stelljes is quite familiar with MOG's Hot Shop as she is one of the Hot Shop Heroes program instructors. Her style and work are guided by her deep love of color and an interest in reinterpreting commonplace objects to find deeper hidden meaning. She uses her work to explore her own values and emotions that are constantly influenced by new climates and changing social scenes.

December 5-9: Erika Sanada

Erika Sanada's early inspirations stem from characters of horror films she experienced as a child growing up in Japan. After working as a commercial illustrator and a movie studio makeup artist, Sanada moved to California, where she received her MFA in sculpture. She has shown work in several galleries and has been included in numerous publications. Sanada is the winner of the Museum's Grand Prize Coney Award from the 2017 Red Hot Gala. She was selected by a panel of three jurors from a field of more than 50 artists.

Schedule of events

November 23: Black Friday Sale

20% off throughout the store. 30% off one item for members only.

November 24: Academy of Dance Performance, 1-2pm

Get into the holiday spirit with students from Academy of Dance as they perform selections from "The Nutcracker" in the Grand Hall!

November 25: Kids Design Glass

Join the winning child and their family as they watch their design come to life in the Hot Shop. Special treat to have Visiting Artist Dave Walters join in on the making.

December 1: Christmas Recital, 12:30pm

B Natural Studio Christmas Recital – in the theater Students of this Bonney Lake music store will perform holiday favorites in the theater.

December 2:

- **MOG & GROG, 12-5pm**

Discover that unique, local gift at the Museum's second annual holiday makers market! With works from Tacoma artisans available for purchase, this event is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Beverages and bites available for purchase. Museum admission is \$5 all day!

- **Shop Talk with Megan Stelljes, 2pm**

Visiting Artist, Megan Stelljes, will share her ideas, creative processes, and invite guests to ask questions that promote greater/deeper understanding of the work she's created during the week.

December 8: Family Day

- **Buzzing in the New Year** – Get ready to say “Goodbye!” to 2018 and think about what you want to do in 2019! Spend some time in *Foraging the Hive: Sara Young and Tyler Budge* thinking about collaboration and how you can achieve greater things working together with friends and family. Create your own honeycomb themed book to record your 2019 goals with art educator, Jennifer Adams.
- **Students of Paul and Phyllis Twedt** will perform during their annual Holiday Musicale at 11am, 1:30pm, and 3:30pm.
- **Try your hand at fused glass art!** Choose a tile, suncatcher, or pendant. \$29 per workshop/\$26 for members.

December 16:

- **Coffee with a Curator, 10:30am-12pm** Join Miranda Belarde-Lewis for an exclusive, private tour and discussion of the Museum's newest exhibition, *Preston Singletary: Raven and the Box of Daylight*. Ticketed event: \$25/\$10 for members.
- **Glass from the Past, 2pm** Join Walt Lieberman as he discusses the history of glass, with visual support from the Hot Shop Team. This session is an introduction to glass and glassmaking.

December 20: Third Thursday, 5-8pm

- Tack fuse a snowflake \$12 per snowflake or \$20 for 2 snowflakes
- **Glassmaking Demonstrations** Students from Hilltop Artists in Residence will provide glassmaking demonstrations throughout the evening.
- **Film screenings** Enjoy holiday films for all ages in the Theater

December 22:

Fire and Ice Demonstrations, 10am-5pm MOG's all-star Hot Shop team will create arctic animals from molten glass. How closely do they resemble the animals you see on film? Come watch the fun and creativity of this new glassmaking challenge.

December 23:

Glass from the Past, 2pm Join Walt Lieberman as he discusses the history of glass, with visual support from the Hot Shop Team. This session is focused on Venetian glass.

December 26-28: Winter Bonanza - Make Your Own

Create your own glass ornament, snowman, or paperweight in the MOG Hot Shop in celebration of the season! Hilltop Artists will be ready to help you create the item you choose. Participants will be picking colors and shaping their piece. Must be 12 years of age to participate. \$60/\$45 MOG member.

December 29: Kids Design Glass

Join the winning child and their family as they watch their design come to life in the Hot Shop.

December 30:

Fire and Ice Demonstrations, 10am-5pm MOG's all-star Hot Shop team will create arctic animals from molten glass. How closely do they resemble the animals you see on film? Come watch the fun and creativity of this new glassmaking challenge.

December 31:

Drum in the new year with the high school drumline! Back by popular demand, you will be energized by this entertaining performance from our local talented drummers. There's talk there may be two schools competing in a "drum off". Don't miss the fun!

Countdown Coneheads, 12-5pm Make your own unique Conehead hat and noise maker to celebrate the New Year!

About Museum of Glass

Located in Tacoma, Washington, Museum of Glass is a premier contemporary art museum dedicated to glass and glassmaking in the West Coast's largest and most active museum glass studio. Opened in 2002, the Museum has established a reputation for hosting impactful and engaging artist residencies, organizing nationally traveling exhibitions, and creating unique programs for visitors while building a growing permanent collection chronicling the development of modern and contemporary glass. Museum of Glass provides an environment for artists and the public to ignite creativity, fuel discovery, and enrich their lives through glass and glassmaking. Museum of Glass is a non-profit organization sponsored in part by the City of Tacoma Arts Commission, ArtsFund, Leonard and Norma Klorfine Foundation, The Dimmer Family Foundation, and D.V. & Ida McEachern Charitable Trust.



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