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Fourth Annual Fuel Their Fire Auction Supporting Visiting Artists Begins February 15, 2016

Tacoma, Wash. — Beginning Monday, February 15, and running through Tuesday, March 15, Museum of Glass (MOG) will hold its fourth Fuel Their Fire auction, during which arts patrons and collectors will have the unique opportunity to sponsor an artist for a five-day residency in the Museum's Hot Shop. Without financial constraints, Visiting Artists are free to use their time in the Hot Shop to innovate and explore new creative directions, often resulting in inspiring breakthroughs, new bodies of work, and major career advances. Contributions to Fuel Their Fire are instrumental in this development.

"With a residency like Museum of Glass offers, you can come in and just focus on your ideas. You can focus on making your art, and there is no other place where that is possible," shares John Kiley, a 2014 Fuel Their Fire artist.

This year, bidders can sponsor the following artists: Shelley Muzylowski Allen, Steffen Dam and Micha Karlslund (working as a team), Amber Cowan, Judith Schaechter, Ann Gardner, Nick Mount and Richard Marquis (working as a team), Karen Willenbrink-Johnsen, Brendan Fernandes, David Huchthausen, James Mongrain, Kait Rhoads, and Marta Klonowska. Sponsors will also have the opportunity to support the Museum's Hot Shop Heroes: Healing with Fire program, which offers free glassblowing classes to veterans and active-duty military personnel.

To celebrate the beginning of the 2016 Fuel Their Fire auction, Museum of Glass will host a live auction in the Hot Shop on Sunday, February 14. This month's Visiting Artist, the world-renowned glass *Maestro* Lino Tagliapietra, will create a unique work of art in the Museum's glassblowing studio on Friday, February 12, which will be revealed to the Hot Shop audience, beginning the live bidding, at 12:30 pm on February 14.

Fuel Their Fire IV auction details are available at museumofglass.org/support/fuel-their-fire.

Museum of Glass is sponsored in part by the 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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