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Museum of Glass to Roll Out the Red Carpet for Annual Red Hot Auction & Gala on September 17, 2016

Tacoma, Wash. — On September 17, 2016, Museum of Glass (MOG) will host its largest fundraiser of the year—the annual Red Hot Auction & Gala. The evening will feature touches of old Hollywood, complete with a red carpet for guests to strike a pose for the camera and elegant, hand-made martini glasses available for purchase. The event includes a gourmet dinner, silent and live auctions, and a fiery after-party with artist Ethan Stern.

Each year, world-renowned artists contribute thousands of dollars in glass art to the auction. The 2016 Red Hot auction will include pieces by Albert Paley, Richard Jolley, Karen Willenbrink-Johnsen, Cappy Thompson, Dale Chihuly, Preston Singletary, Lino Tagliapietra, Davide Salvadore, John Kiley, and Beth Lipman, all of who have been Visiting Artists or exhibited work at Museum of Glass. Work by the gala's featured artist, Ethan Stern, will be included in the off-the-pipe auction during the after-party.

Stern, known for his use of engraving and carving to manipulate the color, form, and texture of blown glass, will create his auction piece on the night of Red Hot. His piece will be auctioned off the pipe, providing guests with a unique opportunity to watch the artistic process before bidding. The Seattle-based artist was the recipient of the Red Hot Auction & Gala's 2014 People's Choice Award and has completed two Visiting Artist Residencies at Museum of Glass. This will be Stern's first Hot Shop appearance during Red Hot.



Photo courtesy of Ethan Stern.

"In tune with the creative nature of the Museum of Glass Hot Shop, I am excited to try something totally new for

the Red Hot after-party!” shares Stern. “Along with my all-star hot shop team, I am hoping to take my newest series of work to the next level in a true party fashion.”

In addition to the glass auction and after-party, Red Hot features custom, handcrafted martini glasses and decanters available for purchase during the evening. Designed by the Museum’s Hot Shop Manager and Lead Gaffer, Benjamin Cobb, and handmade by the MOG Hot Shop Team, these popular items traditionally sell out before the night is over.



2016 Red Hot martini glasses
Photo courtesy of Museum of Glass

Funds raised at Red Hot support the Museum’s wide array of exhibitions, the 30+ professional artists that work in the Hot Shop annually, military outreach, and the thousands of regional youth that take part in the Museum’s educational programming.

To purchase tickets for the 2016 Red Hot Auction & Gala, visit museumofglass.org/redhot, email kroberts@museumofglass.org, or call 253.284.4708. RSVP by September 1, 2016.

Special thanks to Red Hot 2016 Co-Chairs Walter Riehl and Brittany Hobson and Honorary Chairs Randy and Joyce Lert.

The 2016 Red Hot Auction & Gala is sponsored by Holland America Line, MultiCare, X Group Catering, Boeing, Emerald City Graphics, Alaska Airlines, Glass Distillery, Lexus of Tacoma, the Rainiers, South Sound Magazine, Business Examiner Media, Aflac, Pedersen’s, Brown & Brown Insurance, and Delta Dental.



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Hours and Admission

Museum and Store open Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Thursdays 10 am to 8 pm, and Sundays 12 pm to 5 pm through Labor Day. Open Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays during Fall/Winter/Spring months, Labor Day through Memorial Day. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Open Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Admission is free for members, \$15 general, \$12 seniors, military and students (13+ with ID), \$13 AAA Members, \$12 groups of 10 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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