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## **Orlando Museum of Art Presents Contemporary Glass Exhibition**

**Orlando, Fla. (February 14, 2012)** - The Orlando Museum of Art (OMA) will present *Contemporary Glass Sculpture: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Studio Glass*, December 22, 2012 - March 31, 2013. The OMA is joining a national celebration that will take place in museums, galleries and art centers across the country including more than 160 glass demonstrations, lectures and exhibitions throughout 2012. The Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass (AACG), a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to further the development and appreciation of art made from glass, is leading the nation wide promotion of the anniversary.

*Contemporary Glass Sculpture: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Studio Glass* includes works by internationally renowned artists such as Dale Chihuly, William Morris, Lino Tagliapietra, Harvey K. Littleton, Dante Marioni, Therman Statom, Christopher Ries, Laura de Santillana and many others. Also included will be exciting younger artists who are taking the medium in new directions. The exhibition will explore the concepts and techniques of these artists and how each uses the intrinsic characteristics of glass, its mass, fluidity, color and transmission of light for expressive purposes.

The American Studio Glass movement began with two glass workshops held at the Toledo Museum of Art in 1962. The workshops were taught by Harvey K. Littleton, who, along with scientist Dominick Labino, introduced a small furnace built for glassworking that made it possible for individual artists to work in independent studios. Glass programs were then established by Littleton at the University of Wisconsin, at the California College of the Arts by Marvin Lipofsky, and later at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), led by artist Dale Chihuly, to name but a few.

The OMA is located in Orlando Loch Haven Park at 2416 North Mills Ave., Orlando, Fla. From I-4 take the Princeton Street exit 85. Drive east on Princeton Street, and at the corner of Princeton and Mills (US Highway 17 / 92), turn left. Go one block to east Rollins Street and turn left. The entrance is the first driveway on the left. Parking is free. For further information, call 407 896 4231 or visit [www.omart.org](http://www.omart.org).

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Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday – Sunday  
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