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LOOSEN UP FOR THE 2ND ART ON FIRE AUCTION ON OCTOBER 10 *Pittsburgh Glass Center & American Eagle Outfitters Present* *Pittsburgh's Only Glass Art Auction*

PITTSBURGH, PA...American Eagle Outfitters is joining Pittsburgh Glass Center (PGC) again this year to **Loosen Up** on Friday, October 10 for the second annual Art on Fire Celebration & Auction, a spin off PGC's signature Meltdown event and Pittsburgh's only glass art auction. The auction, Pittsburgh Glass Center's major fundraiser, will be held at the American Eagle Outfitters Corporate Campus located in SouthSide Works at 77 Hot Metal Street. The event featuring glass art by internationally renowned glass artists and local glass artists begins at 7 pm. Tickets for the celebration and auction can be purchased for \$75 (\$100 at the door) by calling PGC at 412-365-2145 ext. 206 or visiting www.pittsburghglasscenter.org.

The 2008 honorary chair is glass artist Susan Taylor Glasgow. She will be at the event to kick off the live auction at 8pm with her donation – a handmade glass corset titled "If Eve Had Worn a Corset." Glasgow will be concluding her residency at PGC and opening her newest exhibition "Absence of Body" at Pittsburgh Glass Center on October 3. Glasgow is known worldwide for her stylish, sentimental and whimsical interpretation of women's roles in society using imagery and glass.

Over 70 works of glass art including many pieces from the William and Maxine Block glass art collection and art from local artists will be included in the live and silent auction. Artists include Dante Marioni, Sonja Bloomdahl, Ben Edols, Randy Walker, Michael Schunke and Kathleen Mulcahy among many more.

Susanne Wilkinson is the event chair. Sponsors for the Art on Fire Celebration and Auction include American Eagle Outfitters; Boyd & Blair Potato Vodka; Elliance; Guckenheimer; Harris Grill; Horovitz, Rudoy & Roteman; PNC Wealth Management, Yuengling Brewery and many more.

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About Pittsburgh Glass Center

Pittsburgh Glass Center is a nonprofit, public access glass studio and gallery dedicated to teaching, creating and promoting glass art. A growing arts organization in the region, PGC is bringing new life to Pittsburgh's glass art legacy and maintaining the momentum brought to the region last summer by Dale Chihuly and Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass 2007. Learn more about the Pittsburgh Glass Center by visiting our Web site at www.pittsburghglasscenter.org or by calling 412-365-2145.

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