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**“GLASS BIRTHDAY SUIT” REVEALS NEW WORK BY 56 REGIONAL ARTISTS**

PITTSBURGH – Pittsburgh Glass Center (PGC) is stripping down to the basics in the “Glass Birthday Suit” exhibition. It’s been five years of classes and workshops and many amazing works of art have been created in the state-of-the-art glass studios. PGC uncovers unique, new works of glass art made by 56 regional artists using its four main studios. Beautiful blown glass vessels, complex cast and fused sculptures, intricate flameworked jewelry, plus sparking examples of cold worked, etched and polished glass will all be on display. The exhibition will be open from Feb. 2 to Apr. 8, 2007.

For the first year, the “Glass Birthday Suit” exhibition is a juried show. In Pittsburgh Glass Center’s five-year history, it has served over 2,000 students and created a growing glass art community with over 20 glass artists who have moved to Pittsburgh just for PGC. “With so much talent in the area, we would need a gallery the size of the entire building to showcase all of the incredible work,” said Heather McElwee, PGC director of education and exhibitions.

Artists showing work in the exhibition include: Scott Aiken, Jesse Amar, David Born, Carol R. Brode, Chris Clarke, Zachary Compton, Jonathan Capps, Theresa Cress, Chad Cully, Randi Dauler, Kathleen Mendus Dlugos, Matthew Eskuche, Daneal Ferraro, Marianne Filiaggi, Jason Forck, Leslie Foxson, Brian Frus, Barbara Gengler, Gary Guydosh, Daniel J. Johnese, Leslie Kaplan, Adam Kenney, Sungsoo Kim, Sam Laffey, Joseph Lappa, Deborah LeDonne, Dan LeDonne, Marcus A. Louie, Mike Mangiafico, Jeannine Manint, Kelly Maze, Kathy McHoes, Hilde Munck, Stephanie Natale, Lindsay O’Leary, Scott A. Percival, Jeffrey Phelps, Donna Powers, Stephen Protheroe, Juliet Pusateri, Suzie Ririe, Darlene Durrwachter Rushing, Jessica Rutherford,

Laurie Salopek, Nathan J. Shaulis, Dan Sullivan, Sherri Taus, Brad Tucker, Jim Tucker, Miles Van Rensselaer, Deborah B. Weaver, Sean Winters, Alex Wojtyna, John Wojtyna, Bill Zarvis and Cass Zielinski

### **Pittsburgh Glass Center Celebrates 2007 “Year of Glass”**

In 2007, Pittsburgh Glass Center celebrates its fifth anniversary with exhibitions, events and demonstrations throughout the year, plus it will host the international Glass Art Society (GAS) for its annual conference in Pittsburgh from June 7 – 9, 2007 attracting over 1,500 glass enthusiasts from around the world. The 2007 GAS Conference is a part of Pittsburgh’s yearlong city-wide celebration of glass called “Year of Glass.”

Since opening in 2001, Pittsburgh Glass Center has achieved recognition as one of the top glass facilities in the world. In addition, PGC received LEED Gold certification for its green building and practices. 2006 marks the fifth anniversary for the state-of-the-art studio and gallery. PGC will celebrate this milestone throughout the year with a variety of activities and events including:

- Classes and workshops
- Three contemporary glass art exhibitions
- Free lectures every Wednesday evening May through August
- Free open house Hot Jams with hot glass demonstrations on First Fridays
- Guided tours with hot glass demonstrations every Saturday from May through August
- And much, much more!

For more information about “Glass Birthday Suit” or “Year of Glass” activities, contact Pittsburgh Glass Center at 412-365-2145 ext. 201 or visit [www.pittsburghglasscenter.org](http://www.pittsburghglasscenter.org).

### **About Pittsburgh Glass Center**

Celebrating its fifth anniversary in conjunction with “Year of Glass” in 2007, Pittsburgh Glass Center is a nonprofit, public access glass studio and gallery dedicated to teaching, creating and promoting glass art. The 16,000+ square foot facility houses state-of-the-art studios in hot glass, flameworking, coldworking, casting and kilnworking. The staff of skilled technicians, highly qualified instructors and dedicated administrators work together to create an open environment where students of all skill level can explore and achieve their creative vision in glass. The goal is to

provide instruction and resources to expand the skills and knowledge of our students, while fostering a new generation of glass artists and enthusiasts in the Pittsburgh region, and in its East End home. Learn more about the Pittsburgh Glass Center by visiting our Web site at [www.pittsburghglasscenter.org](http://www.pittsburghglasscenter.org) or by calling 412-365-2145.

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