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**MAKING MOSAICS ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

*Community collaboration to create glass mosaics for Pittsburgh International Airport*

PITTSBURGH, PA - It's a great day for glass on January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Pittsburgh Glass Center (PGC) invites community members of all ages to participate in the creation of two mosaics for installation in the Pittsburgh International Airport. Glass artist Daviea Davis and PGC are constructing two wall-size glass mosaics showing the splendor of the city of Pittsburgh then and now using glass of all shapes and colors.

The glass mosaics are being created as a part of PGC's fifth anniversary and the "Year of Glass" celebration. They will be installed at Pittsburgh International Airport in spring 2007.

"We are delighted to work with the Pittsburgh Glass Center on this collaborative artistic effort. Our region has long been recognized for its innovative contributions to glass making and the arts. The mosaics will be a demonstration of this heritage and will be an important asset for travelers and visitors to Pittsburgh International Airport," said Kent G. George, Executive Director, CEO, Allegheny County Airport Authority.

Everyone is welcome to assist in the creation of the mosaics and learn more about contemporary glass art at the region's only open studio and gallery dedicated to teaching, creating and promoting glass art. **Mosaic making will take place on Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) from 10 am to 4 pm.** In addition, live glass blowing and flame working demonstrations will take place throughout the day. This event is FREE and open to the public. The event is made possible in part by the City of Pittsburgh, H.J. Heinz Company and the Poise Foundation.

**Register for a Neighborhood Youth Scholarship**

Pittsburgh Glass Center supports aspiring young artists from East End communities to explore the creative process in hot glass. On January 15, attendees can sign up to receive a scholarship. To be eligible, students must be between 14 and 19 years old and live in the East End. For more information about the scholarship or mosaic making on January 15, call 412-365-2145 ext. 201 or visit the PGC Web site at [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 levels can explore and achieve their creative vision in glass. The goal is to provide instruction and resources to expand the skills and knowledge of students, while fostering a new generation of glass artists and enthusiasts in the Pittsburgh region, and in PGC’s East End home. Learn more about the Pittsburgh Glass Center by visiting the Web site at [www.pittsburghglasscenter.org](http://www.pittsburghglasscenter.org) or by calling 412-365-2145.

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