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A COLORFUL COLLABORATION CULMINATES AT PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER

Glass mosaics for Penn Avenue, Lawrenceville and East Liberty Created by Daviea Davis Unveiled during Unblurred on August 1

NEWS FACTS

- Pittsburgh Glass Center, one of the top glass art facilities in the U.S., unveils three glass mosaics depicting Penn Avenue, Lawrenceville and East Liberty on August 1.
- Pittsburgh artist Daviea Davis created the mosaics with help from community members.
- All colored glass use in the project was recycled from Youghiogheny Glass Company in Connellsville, PA.
- The project was funded by Friendship Development Associates in part by Mainstreets Pittsburgh and City of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

(PITTSBURGH – July 28, 2008) ... Pittsburgh Glass Center (PGC) unveils three new neighborhood glass mosaics on Friday, August 1 from 6 to 9 pm. The colorful glass mosaics created by Pittsburgh artist Daviea Davis and many community members depict three communities near PGC – Penn Avenue, Lawrenceville and East Liberty.

The neighborhood mosaic project began on June 6 during Art Cubed, a celebration of art, music and culture in Pittsburgh's East End. Davis worked with community members throughout the weekend to create the mosaics on old windows using recycled glass from Youghiogheny Glass Company in Connellsville, PA. After August 1, the mosaics will travel to their respective neighborhoods for permanent display. The project was funded by Friendship Development Associates in part by Mainstreets Pittsburgh and City of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.

The unveiling coincides with PGC's monthly free Hot Jam open house and Unblurred: First Friday's on Penn, a monthly event that highlights artists, art studios, galleries and arts organizations on and around the Penn Avenue Corridor. PGC visitors can expect to see live flameworking and glass blowing

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demonstrations throughout the evening, plus they can explore PGC's current glass exhibition "Glass & Steel: Art Transcends Industry."

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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