

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
GLASSFEST!

DEAR ARTISTS,

Are you an artist looking for an opportunity to showcase your work and connect with fellow creatives? Look no further than GlassFest! Join us for three days of celebrating the beauty and craftsmanship of glass and glassmaking from May 23 to May 26, 2024, in the vibrant city of Corning, New York. Known as America's "Crystal City," we are home to the world-renowned Corning Museum of Glass, the international headquarters of Corning Incorporated, and countless independent glassmaking studios.

We cordially invite you to join us for the fire art show, a juried showcase for contemporary art in categories that include glass, ceramics, metals, and jewelry. In addition, you can showcase your work in a non-juried fine arts show featuring an array of mediums such as painting (watercolors, oils, and acrylics), sculpture, printmaking, jewelry, photography, wood, and fiber.

We are thrilled to offer winning juried entries the opportunity to be featured in GlassFest 2024 promotional materials and a free vendor booth at the event for category winners.

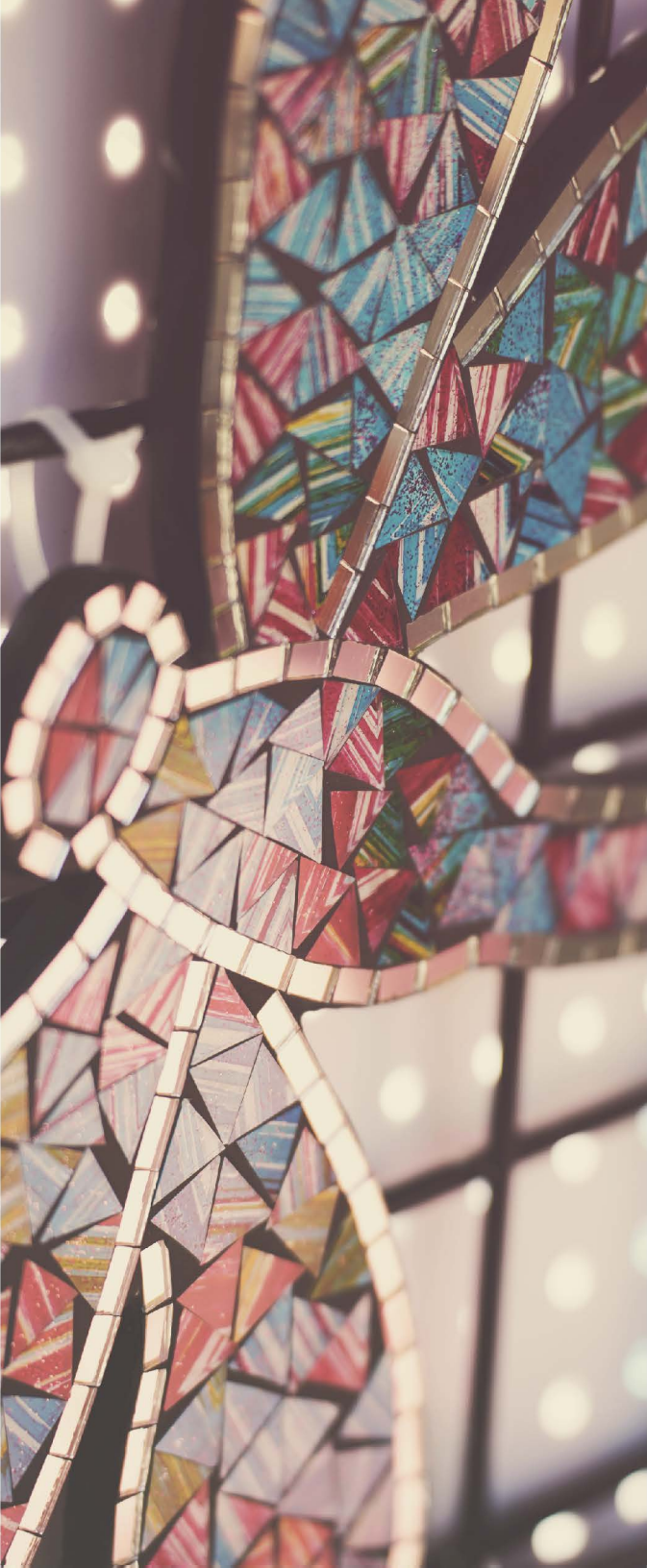
GlassFest is held outdoors on Market Street in Corning's Historic Gaffer District, the city's primary commercial center with ample nearby parking. We would be delighted if you could share this invitation with fellow artists who may be interested in participating in this exciting annual event.

Thank you very much for considering our invitation. We can't wait to see you at GlassFest 2024!

Warm regards,



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GLASSFEST
CORNING, NY



ARTIST APPLICATION

MAY 24–26, 2024

INVITATIONAL PARTICIPATION:

The exhibition has two areas: a juried fire art show and a non-judged fine arts show.

NEW ARTISTS | Will be required to provide images of their current work and an image of their display. Artists that have participated in 2022 & 2023 do not need to provide images.

IMAGE SUBMISSIONS | New artists should send five images of current work that is typical of the work that will be exhibited via email to marshall@gafferdistrict.com.

WORK STANDARDS | All artists who exhibit in the GlassFest show must have a NYS tax ID number. All work must be original and made by the artist or with assistance under the artist's supervision. Work should be done by hand or with the use of appropriate tools. You are encouraged to exhibit one-of-a-kind and limited edition work and high-quality production work.

FIRE ARTS | We want your help to grow our juried Fire Arts exhibitors! Do you know any vendors you think would be a good fit for GlassFest?

NEW FOR 2024 APPLICANTS | Refer a new vendor to the juried show and receive a \$40 rebate on your booth fees for each accepted vendor. Make sure the referred artist lists your name during registration.

FIRE ARTS APPLICANTS must be juried in one of the following accepted categories:

GLASS: functional and/or sculptured work in which the primary material is glass

CERAMICS: functional and/or sculptured work in which the primary material is clay

METAL: functional and/or sculptured work in which the primary material is metal

JEWELRY: work made from precious or non-precious metals, glass, or clay

FINE ARTS APPLICANTS may be eligible for one of the following accepted categories:

PAINTING: two-dimensional works created in oils, acrylics, and/or watercolors.

PASTELS/DRAWING: original two-dimensional works created using traditional pastels, pencils, and/or charcoal.

PHOTOGRAPHY: photographic prints created from the artist's original photos that have been processed by the artist or under the supervision of the artist. Digital photography must be original photographs with minimal digital manipulation by the artist.

SCULPTURE: original works that are hand-tooled, machine-worked, turned, or carved, including bronze and other cast work.

JEWELRY: handcrafted jewelry containing synthetic or mass produced components not made by the artist.

OTHER: mixed media (wood, fiber, etc.).

A craftsperson working in multiple mediums must submit an application in each media category. If only one application is accepted, only work in that category may be exhibited. Work that reflects a variety of styles with the same medium can be submitted on one application, provided that the images reflect the same proportion of work as will be represented in the booth.

The GlassFest fire arts committee reserves the right to invite artists in order to balance the style and content of the judged work.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Application deadline: APRIL 7, 2024

The committee will review all images or prints. You'll need to show a representation of all the work you intend to exhibit in your prints or digital images.*

*Note: If you participated in the last two years and your product is the same, you do not need to send images. The committee grades the artist's work based solely on the images submitted.

If you submit your application by DECEMBER 31, 2023, the application fee will be waived.

Artist notification by APRIL 15, 2024

Balance of booth fees, insurance certificate, and/or proof of insurance **due MAY 1, 2024**

No refunds for cancellations after **MAY 8, 2024**

Vendor setup begins on MAY 24, 2024 at 2PM
Vendor take down begins on MAY 26, 2024 at 4PM

SHOW HOURS: Fri., May 24 4PM–9PM
Sat., May 25, 11AM–7PM
Sun., May 26, 10AM–4PM

EVENT RESTRICTIONS

To protect artwork from the sun and rain, artists must use tents when vending and stakes must be weighted. Tents also provide security after vending hours. On Saturday night, the Corning Police Department patrols Market Street. Please note that the Gaffer District and Corning Police Department are not responsible for any items left in booth spaces.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

Corning's Gaffer District-GlassFest
1 West Market Street, Suite 401
Corning, NY 14830
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APPLY & PAY

GENERAL RULES

Artists must remain present at their booths and have all their work unpacked and displayed by opening time on each event day.

No early breakdown of booths is allowed. Any vendor who breaks down before closing time or fails to show up on any day will be refused participation in Gaffer District events for the next year. Booth sitters are available upon request for 30 minutes per sitting, but booth sharing is not permitted. Please note the space is restricted to the artist(s) whose name appears on the application form.

Each artist is responsible for providing a display unit that is weighted and suitable for outdoor use on a paved surface and can withstand weather conditions and crowds. Please note that the festival does not provide electricity. If power is needed, vendors may bring a low-noise generator. The artist's set-up, including personal materials, must be within their allotted space. Artists are prohibited from using the sidewalks and business areas to store or display artwork.

Your space has been confirmed when you receive a confirmation letter. Please note that deposited checks returned by the bank may void entry to the show.

The festival reserves the right to request the removal of work that differs from the images submitted, as well as any inappropriate work or displays. Thank you for your cooperation.



IN AN EFFORT TO OFFSET EVER-RISING EVENT COSTS, WE'RE ORGANIZING A RAFFLE TABLE FEATURING OUR GLASSFEST ARTIST VENDOR'S WORKS, AND WE INVITE YOU TO DONATE ONE PIECE OF YOUR WORK TO THIS CAUSE. Your generosity will not only contribute to the event's success but also serve as a showcase for your talent. Your donation will be fully credited at the raffle site with your name, item value, booth location, and in our promotional materials. Corning's Gaffer District is a non-profit organization; your donation is tax-deductible.

ARTIST APPLICATION

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

WEBSITE:

TELEPHONE:

CATEGORY (PLEASE MARK YOUR CATEGORY)

FIRE ARTS (JURIED AT EVENT FOR AWARDS):

☐ Glass ☐ Ceramics ☐ Metal ☐ Jewelry

FINE ARTS:

☐ Pastels/Drawing ☐ Painting ☐ Photography
☐ Sculpture ☐ Jewelry ☐ Other

APPLICATION FEE (non-refundable).....\$25*

☐ 10' X 10' BOOTH.....\$200

☐ 10' X 20' BOOTH.....\$300

\$25 application fee is due with the application; booth fees can be paid upon acceptance into the show.

**Submit application by 12/31/23 and application fee will be waived.*

Please send payment by check or money order made payable to Corning's Gaffer District.

The festival **DOES NOT OFFER** but requires artists to be insured for a minimum \$1,000,000 general aggregate and \$1,000,000 per occurrence with the City of Corning and Corning's Gaffer District listed as certificate holders and additional insured on two separate certificates. Show dates & name must also be listed. Several outside companies offer event coverage, for a complete listing contact our office. Proof of insurance must be sent to Corning's Gaffer District by **MAY 8, 2024.**