

Celebrations

Commemorating 20 Years of Service to Contemporary Glass Art

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Beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017, the Contemporary Glass Society (CGS) will welcome visitors to its open exhibition that is set to help kick off the August 25–28 International Festival of Glass in Stourbridge, U.K. *Celebrations*, which will continue through September 9, 2017, is part of the yearlong celebration of the milestone 20th anniversary year for CGS.

Supporting Glassmakers Everywhere

Over the past 20 years, CGS founders Peter Layton and Colin Reid along with many other glass artists and enthusiasts have worked together to establish an organization that would prove to be supportive to glassmakers in the U.K. and eventually throughout Europe and the rest of the world. CGS now has over 900 members and continues to grow significantly each year. This international, charitable organization continues to be very passionate about glass and the artists working in this amazing medium.

The exhibition will be held at the Ruskin Glass Centre in Stourbridge. It will include the work of 138 of CGS members, all of whom are making a piece of glass that celebrates any event of special importance, however large or small.

Exhibition Awards

Contemporary glass art collector, Mark Holford, is the main sponsor of *Celebrations* and will be presenting a £300 award to the winner of the People's Prize and a £100 award to each of two runners-up. Joining Holford will be collector Alan J Poole, who will present a £300 award for Best in Show.

All of the work created by CGS members for *Celebrations* is for sale and could make the perfect present that attendees will be looking for to mark their own special occasions. Some of the work that will be exhibited at Ruskin Glass Centre can be seen on the CGS website.

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Visit www.cgs.org.uk to learn more about the Contemporary Glass Society and how to become a member.

*Tamsin Abbott, No Title.
Photo by the artist.*

