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**NEWS RELEASE**

**GLASS ARTISTS WORLDWIDE CELEBRATE THE UNITED NATIONS-DESIGNATED**  
**"INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF GLASS 2022"**

When the United Nations announced in May 2021 that the following year would be declared as the “International Year of Glass” (IYOG), Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass (AACG) and The American Ceramic Society (ACerS) through the North American Steering Committee (RO7) were appointed by the IYOG International Steering Committee to announce to the world the art component of this exciting initiative. As such, throughout 2022 IYOG programming occurred worldwide to celebrate all aspects of glass: studio and public art glass, architecture, history, technology, industry, and science.

“This was an extraordinary time to celebrate the material of glass in the arts, science, technology, communications, architecture, and sustainability of the environment on a global basis,” said Laurence Sibrack, IYOG Steering Committee member and past board president of Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass. “And it was truly exciting that so many glass artists, art institutions and other organizations joined us to share in sharing IYOG2022 programming. Simultaneously, we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the American Studio Glass movement in 2022,” said Demetra Theofanous, current president of AACG.

Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass launched the art component of the International Year of Glass on January 14, 2022, with a Zoom presentation attended by 200 enthusiastic participants and an accompanying bespoke video that garnered 50+ submissions of images and artwork from various leading glass art players. The video teased that a toolkit would soon be available to promote IYOG locally, provided hashtags for viewers interested in promoting IYOG for the upcoming year through various social channels, and provided resources in learning more about IYOG in general. Window clings, toolkits and sample wall text were mailed to over 150 outlets.

Artists, collectors and enthusiasts, educators, and partners associated with modern studio glass art have proudly added the appropriate #IYoG and #IYoG2022 hashtags to their posts. Since January, the launch video has been viewed more than 6,000 times on various social platforms. To view the video click [www.contempglass.org](http://www.contempglass.org) (scroll to the bottom left of the page) and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ik0e-D7M\\_8A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ik0e-D7M_8A).

**About Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass**

Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to further the development and appreciation of art made from glass. The Alliance is comprised of various glass art enthusiasts from many different fields and backgrounds. It informs collectors, reviewers, and curators by promoting and supporting museum exhibitions, university glass departments and specialized teaching programs, regional collector groups, visits to private collections, and public seminars. Since 1991, the Alliance has distributed over one million dollars in grants that support its mission. Specifically, grants are usually awarded to 501(c)3 arts organizations with preference for grants in which the focus is education of the public.

For more information about the International Year of Glass click [www.contempglass.org](http://www.contempglass.org) and [ceramics.org/iyog](http://ceramics.org/iyog).

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