



# Glasscraft Emerging Artist Award



## Braden Hammond



Braden Hammond began his journey as a Glass Artist in 2003 at Santa Cruz Art and Glass Studio. From that moment, he was hooked on the beauty of glass art and the endless possibilities. Braden has learned from and worked in collaboration with lampworkers from California, Washington State, South Carolina, Colorado, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island. He is constantly exploring glass and studying the West Coast borosilicate glass movement. Through continuous practice and growth, Braden has developed his own style of glass jewelry application.

Braden's current work focuses on wearable art and fashion and is some of the most beautiful lampworked glass jewelry made in British Columbia. People across Canada can't seem to get enough of his amazing glass rings, making them a top seller. His cuffs have made the pages of fashion magazines and are a favorite of fashionistas around the globe. Hammond's work includes the *Ice-Cube Collection* created completely from clear glass, the *Dichro Collection*, which focuses on organic shapes, and the newest *Midnight Collection*, inspired by the black-diamond hills of Whistler.

"I strive to push my limits and the limits of glass every day," said Braden when asked about his now infamous glass jewelry line that has taken Canada by storm. "Glass is my passion. I love to see beautiful ladies wearing my designs. To me that says it all."

In 2008 Braden plans to learn more advanced techniques, develop new jewelry collections, and devote time to larger art projects, including mixed media chandeliers.

For more information you can go to [www.BradenHammond.com](http://www.BradenHammond.com).

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### What is the Glasscraft Emerging Artist Award?

The Glasscraft Emerging Artist Award will be awarded to up-and-coming flameworking artists who have demonstrated outstanding skill and who have contributed to the lampworking community through technical and artistic innovation.