

Glasscraft Emerging Artist Award



Adam Sultan

Adam Sultan has been drawing from the moment he could put crayon to paper, but it wasn't until he first started taking drawing classes in college that he began to look at the human body as a template for honing his own skills. Adam knew that he had to be an artist of some kind and in the fall of 1998 began an apprenticeship with a glass manufacturer. The factory was producing little, clear boro sculptures, and Adam made dozens of inch-tall angels each day, further sharpening his skills by making little people sculptures on his lunch breaks. Although the company soon fired him for refusing to sign a postemployment exclusivity contract, Adam was and still is extremely grateful to them for teaching him the fundamentals.

Adam has recently studied the disk flip technique, which he has been using to create glass images. A bubble of clear glass is the canvas, and stringers of color act as the brush. The torch heats the ends of the stringers, and the melted glass gets smeared around the clear bubble like paint. The drawing process usually takes over an hour, and since the image will be disk flipped, it must be approached it as if it were a reverse glass painting. There are also constant checks on the inside of the bubble from the blow tube end, because the inside will soon be the outside.

One of Adam's favorite aspects about painting with glass this way is that the end result never looks exactly like the picture that he started with. He can't wait to see what surprises glass has in store for his future, and he hopes that he can further help bridge the divide between paint and glass.

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