

Glasscraft Emerging Artist Award



Nathan Purcell

Nathan Purcell began his glass career in 1998 in Boulder, Colorado. By 1999 Purcell had moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and worked there with John Koutsouros from 2001 to 2003. He experienced his first workshop at The Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York, in 2002, and then took three workshops with Emilio Santini between 2002, and 2003. After finishing this series of workshops, Purcell opened Philadelphia Glass Works with his business partner Ian Kerr in West Philadelphia. Within a year of having his own studio, Nathan was featured in the Snyderman Works Gallery for the first time.

In 2005, Nathan and Ian opened up the new 2,100-square-foot facility of Philadelphia Glass Works and Gallery 908 in Northern Liberties. The new location is the largest exclusive glass gallery in Philadelphia and includes a public-access lampworking facility. Nathan is one of the resident artists there and is an instructor for advanced classes.

After eight years of blowing glass, Nathan went to SOFA in New York in 2006 represented by Snyderman Works Gallery. At SOFA, he exhibited his lampworked glass, sterling silver, 24K gold, and diamond-filled bracelets. Currently, Nathan resides in Philadelphia. He will be teaching a class at The Revere School in November 2007.

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The award is given to twelve lampworking artists a year, one of whom will become the Glasscraft Emerging Artist.