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2012 PAC Winner

Lino Tagliapietra

The renowned Italian glass artist Mr. Lino Tagliapietra has been awarded the 2012 "42nd Phoenix Award, Glass Person of the Year". Mr. Tagliapietra has earned this distinguished award for his contribution to the glass industry, in the field of Art.

Lino Tagliapietra is widely recognized as one of the world's premier artists working in glass. Dale Chihuly has referred to him as "perhaps the world's greatest living glassblower" and many connoisseurs of contemporary glass art would agree.

Lino was born in Murano, a small island in the Venetian lagoon, in 1934. At the age of 12 he began his apprenticeship with Archimede Seguso and by the age of 21 he had mastered the age-old techniques and worked his way up to the title of maestro. Over the next 25 years Lino worked in association with several of the best known Muranese glass factories.

By the late 1960s and early 1970s Lino was developing his own designs and these designs were put into production or limited production at the factories where he worked. In 1977 he became head glass blower, designer and overseer of production at a new company, Effetre International.

In 1979, the Italian glass maestro came to the United States to teach at Pilchuck School in the Seattle area, thus beginning a long history of sharing his centuries old technical knowledge with American glass artists. The glass artists of the then burgeoning American studio glass movement were hungry for Lino's technical knowledge and Lino, in turn, was greatly affected by the artistic freedom and experimentalism he observed in his American counterparts.

In the 1980s Lino was best known for the collaborative work he did with Dutch artist A.D. Copier, and later with American artists Dale Chihuly and Dan Dailey. In the 1990s, although he continued to teach and collaborate widely in the U.S., Tagliapietra began to be widely recognized for his own unique works of art.

Lino has been recognized by the following groups and associations and has received numerous awards throughout his career:

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Master of Medium Award, James Renwick Alliance, Washington DC.



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Foreign Honorary Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Artist Visionaries, Lifetime Achievement Award, Museum of Arts & Design, New York.

Metal for Excellence in Craft Award, The Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston, Massachusetts.

Glass Art Society Lifetime Achievement Award, USA.

UrbanGlass Award for Preservation of Glassblowing Techniques, Brooklyn, New York.

Rakow Commission for Excellence in Glass Award, The Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, New York.

Lino has been married to his wife, Lina, for 53 years. They have three children, Marina, Silvano and Bruno, and five grandchildren, Jacopo, Filippo, Alice, Diletta and Marco.