



Juo introduces Jessamy Kelly

Juo the newest contemporary art glass brand is delighted to introduce Jessamy Kelly as one of its designers.

Juo have pleasure in introducing highly talented designer Jessamy to create a collection of fused art glass that is exclusively designed and beautifully made; a pleasure to look at and use.

Within this collection Jessamy has developed a wide range of products from one off art glass to interior panels, and giftware for the Juo collection. Pieces include sculptural one off and limited edition wall panels. Inspiration for her range of products comes from organic and naturally repeating forms found in the local landscape.

Jessamy's work celebrates the hand crafted sensitivity of glassmaking, which she believes gives her more freedom to explore new forms and artistic innovations. She is inspired by organic and naturally repeating forms and textures. The inherent transparent nature of fused art glass is an inspiration for Jessamy, the evocative way that light passes through the glassy surface intrigues her. The relationship between glass and light is the central theme which she finds her self drawn to examine tirelessly in this unique art form.

Drawing upon her design philosophy and motivation. She says, *"To realise the pure essence and intensity of glass requires both order and artistry. My designs are driven by technology and a strong desire for form and tactility which inspires me to originate energised designs for the modern consumer."*

Since graduating from the University of Sunderland with a degree in Glass and Ceramics, Jessamy went on to complete her Masters degree in Glass Product Design at Edinburgh College of Art in collaboration with Edinburgh Crystal in December 2002. She is currently studying for her PHD in Glass and Ceramics, which she is due to complete in 2010.



Jessamy Kelly

Biography

Jessamy has 6 years experience as a glass artist and designer for the glass industry.

Design Experience:

- Designer for Juo Ltd, Sunderland, 07/06 – ongoing
- Designer for Jessamy Kelly Glass, 01/02 – ongoing
- Freelance Designer for Dartington Crystal, Devon, 02/07 – ongoing
- Part time Senior Glass product designer at Edinburgh Crystal, Midlothian, 09/04 – 07/06
- Freelance Designer for Place, Kevin McCloud furniture & Homeware Design, 01/05- 05/06
- Full time Glass product designer at Edinburgh Crystal, Midlothian, 01/02 - 09/04

Education:

- Newcastle College, Art Foundation in Ceramics BTEC (Distinction), 1997-1998
- University of Sunderland, BA (Hons) in 'Glass and Ceramics', 1998-2001
- Edinburgh College of Art, Master of Design in 'Glass Product Design', 2001-2002
- University of Sunderland PT PhD in 'Glass and Ceramics', 2004-2009 (ongoing)

Awards

- Orrefors Design Award, Orrefors, Sweden 2000
- Outline Student Glass Prize 2001
- Edinburgh Crystal Masters Scholarship 2001-2002
- Shortlisted for Homes & Gardens, Classic Design Awards March 2006
- Princes Trust Start up Business Award for Juo Ltd 2006
- Blueprint Business Planning Award for Juo Ltd Creative Industries & Overall Winner 2006
- NESTA, Insight Out Business Award for Juo Ltd 2007
- Arts Council Cultural Business Award for Juo Ltd 2007

Exhibition Experience

2008

- Glass 3, International Glass Exhibition, Washington DC, US 02/08-03/08
- Cohesion and Café Jello at Affordable Art Fair Battersea, London, 03/08
- British Glassmakers, Obsidian Art, Stoke Mandeville, 03/08 – 04/08
- The Bag Show, Designed and Made Gallery, Live Theatre Newcastle 04/08-05/08
- Northern Glass, Platform Gallery, Clitheroe, Lancashire 05/08 – 07/08
- Blast, London Glass Blowing Gallery, London 05/08 – 06/08
- Scottish Glass Society, Peter Potter Gallery, Haddington, Edinburgh 07/08 – 08/08
- Prospect, Designed & Made Gallery, Newcastle 08/08-09/08
- Objects of Desire, Chapel Gallery, Lancashire 11/08 – 01/09

2007

- 'Parallels & Connections' Showcase, National Glass Centre, Sunderland 03/07
- Cohesion at Affordable Art Fair, Battersea, London, 03/07
- Design Crafts for Contemporary Living, Bilston Craft Gallery, Wolverhampton, 03/07-04/07
- Newcastle Gateshead Arts Fair, Newcastle, 05/07
- Crafts Council Solo Showcase, National Glass Centre, Sunderland 06/07-07/07
- Summer Fair, Excel London, 06/07
- Scottish Glass Society Annual Showcase, Lillie Gallery, Milngavie, Glasgow 08/07-09/07
- Cohesion at Pyramid, Pyramid gallery, York 09/07-10/07
- Delight in Design, Designed and Made Annual Showcase, Live Theatre Newcastle 10/07-11/07
- Juo Showcase, National Glass Centre, Sunderland 11/07-02/07
- Christmas Showcase, Tallantyre Gallery, Morpeth, Northumberland, 11/07-01/07
- Twelve, Designed and Made Christmas Showcase, Live Theatre Newcastle 12/07-01/08

2006

- Glass installation Saltburn Artists Projects, Saltburn. 02/06-03/06
- Affordable Art Fair, Battersea, London. 03/06
- The Temple Gallery, Aberfeldy, Perthshire. 03/06-05/06
- Oriel Ty Gorsaf Glass Gallery, Ynys Mon, Wales. 03/06-07/06
- Cohesion at Artifex, Artifex Gallery, Birmingham. 06/06-07/06
- 'Launch 2006', NE Design Showcase, Fire Station, Newcastle Upon Tyne. 06/06
- Scottish Glass Society Annual Show, Collins Gallery, Glasgow. 06/06-08/06
- Crafts Council Solo Showcase, National Glass Centre, Sunderland. 07/06-09/06
- 'The Sea', Scottish Potters Association, Carby Art Gallery, Aberdeen. 09/06-11/06
- International Glass Symposium 2006, Novy Bor, Czech Republic. 10/06
- 'Evolve', Designed & Made, Blackfriars, Newcastle. 10/06
- 'Gifted', Royal Museum, Edinburgh. 11/06-01/07
- Winter Warmth, The Park Gallery, Falkirk Museums, Falkirk. 11/06-01/07
- New Glass, The Arts & Crafts House, Cumbria. 11/06-01/07

2005

- 'Glimmer', North Street Gallery, Leeds. 05/05 - 06/05
- 'Glass in the Garden' Waterperry Gardens, Oxford. 07/05 - 08/05
- 'Fusion' SGS 26TH Annual Exhbt, Strathearn Gallery, Crieff. 07/05
- Shaping Light 2, Workplace Art, London. 09/05 - 10/05
- 'On the Road', Designed & Made, Mushroom Works, Newcastle Upon Tyne. 10/05
- Winter Glass, National Glass Centre, Sunderland. 11/05 - 02/06
- FiFieFoFum Gallery, Corbridge, 11/05 - 02/06
- Artifex Gallery, West Midlands, 11/05 - 02/06

2004

- Ambiente, Frankfurt Messe, Germany. 02/04
- 'One Year On' New Designers 2004, Business Designer Centre, Islington. 07/04
- 'Glass Al Fresco', Cohesion Glass Network. 07/04 - 09/04
- 'The Northern Perspective in Glass', SGS 25th Annual Exhibition. Edinburgh 10/04
- White Christmas, Bilston Craft Gallery, Wolverhampton. 11/04-01/05
- 'Lustre', Tullie House, Carlisle. 11/04 - 12/04
- 'Blast', The Gallery, Cork Street, London. 11/04 - 12/04

2003

- 'Sensation', Solo Showcase. Heritage Centre, Edinburgh Crystal. 04/03
- 'The Crystal world', Edinburgh College of Art. 05/03
- 'Convergences/divergences', Salle Attane, St Yrieix, France. 07/03
- 'Cohesion', annual show, Mezzanine gallery, NGC, Sunderland. 07/03
- Scottish Glass Society annual exhibition, Q2 Gallery, Dundee. 08/03
- Cohesion selling exhibition, Gateshead Quays. 10/03
- Winter Collection, Cowdy Gallery, Newent. 11/03
- Scissors-paper-stone, Castle Eden, Durham. 11/03

2002

- 'New Directions', Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead. 06/02
- 'Diversity', Cohesion Glass Cluster exhibition. National Glass Centre, Sunderland. 06/02
- 'Bastille Day 2002: North Eastern Glass artists', FBC, Eversheds, Newcastle. 07/02
- '3rd International Symposium of Engraved glass', Kamenicky Senov, CZ. 09/02
- 'M:Des Degree show 2002', Sculpture Court, Edinburgh College of Art. 12/02

2001

- 'Pure', a showcase of students work at the Globe Gallery, North Shields. 05/01
- 'Degree Show 2001', Vardy Gallery, University of Sunderland. 06/01
- 'New Designers 2001', Business Design Centre, Islington, London. 07/01
- 'Pure as Porcelain', Laburnum Ceramics Gallery, Penrith. 11/01
- 'By Design', Chelsea Gallery, London. 11/01