



Juo introduces Joanne Mitchell

Juo the newest contemporary art glass brand is delighted to introduce **Joanne Mitchell** as one of its designers.

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

Joanne has developed a wide range of products from one off art glass to interior panels and giftware for the **Juo** collection. Pieces include one off sculptures and limited edition wall panels. Inspiration for her range of products comes from the irregularity & diversity of natural forms originating from the landscape or the human body. She finds inspiration in the intrinsic beauty of the glass. She likes to explore contrasting forms and textures, aiming to express the material's inherent qualities and engage the senses.

Joanne's creative drive brings visual impact to her work through the use of understated yet striking shapes and textures, examining the notions of tactility and sensuality of fused glass. She draws Inspiration from sources such as a walk in the local countryside, a striking cityscape or natural found objects. She is interested in themes around urban nature, life cycles and recollection of past memories.

Speaking of her inspiration and focus she says, *"I intend my designs to go beyond function to express the material's inherent qualities & engage the senses. The co-existence of the industrial and the handcrafted, the old and new are concepts that intrigue me. I try to capture this in my glass."*

Since graduating from Manchester Metropolitan University with a 1st class degree in Three Dimensional Design, specialising in glass, Joanne went on to complete her Masters degree in Glass Product Design at the University of Wolverhampton in collaboration with Edinburgh Crystal in December 2001.

Joanne Mitchell
Biography

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

Experience:

- Design Director, Juo Ltd, 07/06 – ongoing
- Designer and owner, Joanne Mitchell Glass Design 01/03 – ongoing
- Freelance Glass Designer for Dartington Crystal, Devon, 02/07-ongoing
- Freelance Glass product designer at Edinburgh Crystal, Midlothian, 01/03 – 07/06
- Glass product designer at Edinburgh Crystal, Midlothian, 01/01 to 01/03

Education:

- University of Wolverhampton, M.A. Glass Design (Edinburgh Crystal Scholarship) 2000-2001
- Manchester Metropolitan University, 1st Class B.A.(Hons) Three Dimensional Design: Hot Glass, 1997-2000
- Leeds Art College, BTEC Diploma in Foundation Studies in Art & Design, 1996-1997

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
- Northern Glass, Platform Gallery, Clitheroe, Lancashire 05/08 – 07/08
- Blast, London Glass Blowing Gallery, London 05/08 – 06/08

2007

- 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
- Cohesion at Pyramid, Pyramid gallery, York 09/07-10/07
- Juo Showcase, National Glass Centre, Sunderland 11/07-02/07
- Christmas Showcase, Tallantyre Gallery, Morpeth, Northumberland, 11/07-01/07

2006

- Solo exhibition, Fusion Gallery, Bristol. 10/06
- 'The Glass Emporium', International Festival of Glass 2006. 08/06
- 'Cohesion at Artifex' Glass exhibition, Artifex, Birmingham. 06/06
- 'The Glass Exhibition 2006', Pyramid Gallery, York. 05/06

2005

- Solo Exhibition, Project Space, National Glass Centre, Sunderland. 01/06-02/06
- 'Shaping Light2', Cohesion Exhibition, Tea Building, Workplace Art, Shoreditch, London. 10/05
- 'Talent Exhibition: British Studio Glass': Penrith, Cumbria. 09/05-10/05
- 'Showcase: Joanne Mitchell Solo Exhibition', The Platform Gallery, Clitheroe, Lancashire. 07/05-08/05
- 'The Glass Exhibition 2005', Pyramid Gallery, York. 05/05
- 'Spring Exhibition', Metcalfe-Hoffman Studio Gallery, Deal, Kent. 03/05
- 'Collect 2005', Bluecoat Display Centre, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London. 01/05

2004

- 'Blast 2004', Cohesion Glass Network Exhibition. The Gallery in Cork Street, 28 Cork St, London. 11/04
- Crafts at the Crawford Showcase, Crawford Arts Centre, St. Andrews. 10/04
- 'The British Glass Biennale', International Festival of Glass, Stourbridge, W. Midlands. 08/04
- Exhibition at FIFA 100, Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington St, London. 08/04
- 'Orienteering', Bianco Nero Gallery, Stokesley, North Yorks. 07/04
- Summer Exhibition, the Wonderwall Gallery, Cirencester. 06/04
- 'The Glass Collection 2004', Pyramid Gallery, York. 05/04-07/04

2003

- 'Christmas Present', Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear. 11/03
- 'Glass at the Quays', Gateshead Quays Visitor Centre, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear. 10/03
- 'Diversity', National Glass Centre, Sunderland. 07/03

2002

- 'Made in the Middle' Touring Exhibition, Bilston Craft Gallery, Bilston, Wolverhampton. 11/02 – 05/04
- M.A. Degree Show 2002, School of Art & Design, University of Wolverhampton. 09/02
- New Designers 2002, Business Design Centre, Islington, London. 07/02

2001-2000

- 'The Academy of Excellence,' Autumn Fair, NEC Birmingham. 09/00
- New Designers 2000, Business Design Centre, Islington, London. 07/00
- Degree Show 2000, Manchester Metropolitan University. 07/00

Selected Tradeshows:

- Summer Fair, Excel London, 06/07
- 'Design Edge', Sandown Park Exhibition Centre, Surrey, UK. 09/06
- Top Drawer Autumn, Grand Hall Olympia, London. 09/05
- Grand Designs Live', Excel, Docklands, London. 06/05
- The Affordable Art Fair, Spring Collection, Battersea Park, London. 03/05
- Top Drawer Autumn, Grand Hall Olympia, London. 09/04
- The British Craft Trade Fair, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate. 04/04
- Top Drawer, Earls Court, London. 09/03
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- British Craft Trade Fair, Great Yorkshire Show Ground, Harrogate. 04/03