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contemporary glass gallery

## NEWS RELEASE



# **BLAST! 2012**

## **COHESION GLASS NETWORK'S 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION**

### **July 6 – August 8, 2012**

ZeST Contemporary Glass Gallery is excited to be hosting BLAST! 2012, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition of Cohesion Glass Network. To celebrate this landmark, ZeST has invited eight of Cohesion's founding members to exhibit their latest artworks and given each of them the opportunity to select an emerging artist to be a "partner" and show work alongside them.

These eight artists are Criss Chaney, Dominic Fonde, Zoe Garner, Ruth Lyne, Joanne Mitchell, Claudia Phipps, Roger Tye and Cate Watkinson. They have selected partners whose work they admire, or find complementary to their own, or in some cases they have joined forces to create unique collaborative work, exploring and developing themes and concepts held in common. Some, but not all, of the partner artists are Cohesion members, and all but one of the partners are artists working in glass.

Cohesion founder member Dominic Fonde chose digital media artist Chua Teng Yeow to jointly create a representation of the Greek mythological Minotaur and the Cretan labyrinth. Other artists are linked by their themes and concepts; Claudia Phipps, whose work 'On the Wing' captures the delicacy of the feather and wing in flight, has partnered June Kingsbury whose multi-media work also uses elements of the natural world illustrated in glass.

The exhibition features a diverse selection of glass art, including wall-mounted and installation artwork, as well as vessels and sculpture, and embodies a broad spectrum of processes and techniques. The pairings within the show create an exciting dynamic of glass, artistic and otherworldly narratives.

Criss Chaney with Robyn Townsend  
Dominic Fonde with Chua Teng Yeow  
Zoe Garner with Carrie Fertig  
Ruth Lyne with Rachel O'Dell  
Joanne Mitchell with Tim Tate  
Claudia Phipps with June Kingsbury  
Roger Tye with Michael Janis  
Cate Watkinson with Emma Hollins

**PRIVATE VIEW:**

**THURSDAY July 5, 6.30-8.30pm**

**Notes to editors:**

**Cohesion Glass Network**

Cohesion aims to assist and support glass businesses and practitioners to develop their skills, create new opportunities and promote the quality and diversity of their work to wider markets.

Cohesion encourages individual artists to join together to explore markets and attend selling events that they may not otherwise be able to access individually. Working as a group helps keep expenses down and enables makers to participate in new shows and events in a cost-effective way.

Cohesion underpins this with practical advice and support, assistance with funding for the development of new work and an information service for potential commissions, competitions and events.

**ZeST Contemporary Glass Gallery**

ZeST Gallery, which opened in 2003, brings outstanding British and international glass to a wider audience through an exciting and varied exhibition programme as well as permanent collections of work by Adam Aaronson and other contemporary artists.

During the week, visitors can watch glassmakers in action at the adjacent Aaronson Noon Glass Studio giving people a fascinating insight into the skilled world of glassblowing.

Entrance is free and all work is available to buy from ZeST Gallery.

**ZeST Gallery is open:**

**Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm**

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