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Contemporary Glass Arts on Display at SFO

SAN FRANCISCO -- *Beyond Tradition: Contemporary Glass Arts*, a new exhibition at San Francisco International Airport, explores the seemingly endless possibilities for the role of glass in today's arts. The works of twenty-one contemporary artists are presented to show their continuing exploration and experimentation with glass techniques and equipment, permitting them to demonstrate what glass has to offer as a material for creative expression.

The exhibit contains examples of historical, traditional and contemporary techniques that the artists use to reveal the natural qualities of the material and to manifest an artistic vision only possible in glass. While glassblowing remains the dominant technique used to create the works, other techniques such as sandblasting, casting, fusing, painting, frameworking, slumping and traditional Venetian glassworking techniques are also represented, and often united to produce compelling results.

Beyond Tradition: Contemporary Glass Arts is on view twenty-four hours a day through January 17, 2006, free of charge. The exhibition is located pre-security on the Departures/Ticketing Level of the International Terminal.

The San Francisco Airport Museums program was established by the Airport Commission in 1980 for the purposes of humanizing the Airport environment, providing visibility for the unique cultural life of San Francisco, and providing educational services for the traveling public. Today, the San Francisco Airport Museums features approximately twenty galleries throughout the Airport terminals displaying a rotating schedule of art, history, science, and cultural exhibitions, as well as the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum, a permanent collection dedicated to the history of commercial aviation.

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About San Francisco International Airport

SFO (www.fllysfo.com) connects non-stop with more than 60 cities in the United States on 20 domestic airlines, including more than twice as many non-stop flights to the New York area than other Bay Area airports combined. In addition, SFO offers non-stop links with more than 29 international points on 25 international carriers, making SFO the Bay Area's Airport of Choice.