

Meeting of Minds

Hotel Murano

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Tacoma is the centre of the US glassmaking industry and home to the Museum of Glass and the Pilchuck Glass School. Accordingly, the redesign of this hotel - the fifth in a chain developed to showcase local creative culture - has focused on transforming the venue into a celebration of glass art and artists. The hotel's collection of glass sculpture, displayed throughout the public areas and guestroom floors, has been selected by a dedicated curator and includes the work of over 40 of the world's most renowned contemporary glass artists.



The 21 floors are each named after emerging or established glass artists, chosen by the curator as notable leaders in the international industry across a range of glassmaking techniques. The landing areas and hallways outside the elevators have become small galleries showcasing the featured artist's work, alongside etched glass murals that outline biographic details and display portraits, quotes and artwork inspiration. Pictorial narratives showing the artist at work begin on the display wall and continue throughout the floor and guestrooms, which feature original sketches from the artists.

Featured artists include Dale Chihuly from Seattle, Masayo Odahashi from Japan and Vibeke Skov, from Denmark, whose large glass Viking ships are suspended in the lobby.

In the spirit of being a creative and community-oriented venue, the hotel runs a blog site discussing local cultural news, while fans of the venue and artwork can visit the dedicated Facebook page.





Bertil Vallien	18	<p><i>Be our guest</i></p> <p>Upstairs a private collection of some of the world's finest contemporary glass treasures awaits you. Each floor introduces you to an internationally acclaimed glass artist, their work and inspiration. Come, explore but be ready: it's glass like you've never seen before.</p>
Toots Zynsky	17	
Flo Perkins	16	
Susan Taylor Glasgow	15	
Dante Marioni	14	
Cobi Cockburn	12	
Richard Whiteley	11	
Klein	10	



Susan Taylor Glasgow and the British artist like a lady and as they appreciate it she first learned to cook and sew. These skills were passed down to her and she has since turned them into concepts of sewing and quilting, creating beautiful creations and intricate glass sculptures that can wear.

She says: "My life and art are the result of homemaking gone awry. I have the luxury of exploring the complexities of domestic life from the safe distance of my studio."

From recent travels and inspiration from her mother's home she has recently come to realize that it is her life about her mother, about the women who created her and the sophisticated experience of the world she has lived in. Susan Taylor Glasgow is a contemporary artist, whose work combines the traditional of domestic life with the modern.

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