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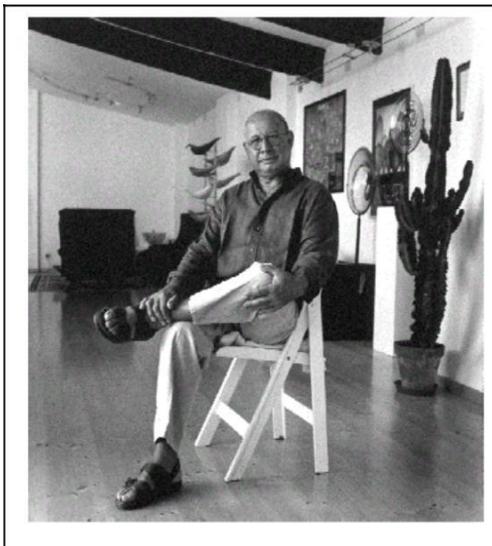# PRESS RELEASE

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42nd Annual Phoenix Award.

The renowned Italian glass artist Mr. Lino Tagliapietra has been awarded the 2012 "42nd. Phoenix Award, Glass Person of the Year". Mr. Tagliapietra has earned this distinguished award for his contribution to the glass industry, in the field of Art. Born and raised on the famous Venetian glass blowing island of Murano, he started to learn the art of blowing glass from the age of 11 years. By the age of 21 he had achieved the status of 'Maestro Vetraio'. From then, he worked with many of the top Muranese Glass producers until 1989 when he began his career as an independent artist.

Lino has exhibited at many major museums and galleries around the world and has collected many honours and accolades on the way. As well as being recognized as one of the world's greatest leaders in studio glass art, he is also identified as a leading teacher to some of the most talented up and coming glass blowers and artists. His teachings encompass the world from, Italy, USA, Japan and Australia.

Lino joins the long list of distinguished recipients of the Phoenix Award and in particular his compatriot and fellow artist Dale Chihuly, who received the same award in 1998.

We all congratulate Mr. Tagliapietra on earning the title "Phoenix Award, Glass Person of the Year, 2012".

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"It is the purpose of the Phoenix Award Committee to select, each year, a person now living, who has been active in and has made contributions to any phase of the glass industry. This may be in the field of science, production, or education relating to glass, and shall include glass containers, fiber glass, scientific glass, flat glass, tableware and electronic glass… As a symbol of this Award the recipients shall be presented with a glass sculpture representing the mythological Phoenix Bird."