

## **Alumna participates in 'Motor City Blow-Off'**

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The first-ever "Motor City Blow-Off" event to celebrate Michigan Glass Month will be held at the Glass Academy in Dearborn from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2007. The public is invited to attend the demonstrations to be held at the Glass Academy's 14,000-square-foot facility at 25331 Trowbridge in Dearborn. Michelle Plucinsky, AU class of 1993, and Chris Nordin, glass artists and owners of the Glass Academy and Furnace Hot Glass Works, promise that this will be a "fun-filled" and "family-friendly" event. The Glass Academy is the only state-certified trade school in Michigan for the glass arts. Michigan's "hottest" glass artists are scheduled to fill the daylong glass blowing demonstrations. "We have some outstanding Michigan artists who will be demonstrating both their technical and design skills," said Plucinsky, who is also a member of the Michigan Glass Month committee. Professor Herb Babcock of Detroit's College for Creative Studies and a longtime member of the Michigan Glass Month committee will participate. Babcock's work is world famous and has been commissioned by a number of countries for his unique approach to glass casting and sculpting. Other well known artists providing demonstrations include Albert Young from Michigan Hot Glass which is located in Detroit's Russell Industrial Center; April Wagner and Jason Ruff of the Epiphany Glass located in Pontiac; Jeff Mack, the master glass blower from The Henry Ford in Dearborn; Toby Upton, sculptor and designer from Ferndale; Eva Milinkovic and Kriston Gene from Tsunami Glass Works in Windsor, Ontario; Israel Nordin, a founding artist of the Detroit Design Center, and an instructor at the Glass Academy; and Annette Baron, owner of Baron Glassworks in Ypsilanti. During each two-hour demonstration there will be drawings for blown glass pieces from the studio. The Glass Academy will also host a follow-up event to be held on Saturday, May 5, to showcase all the creations from the Motor City Blow-Off on April 28. All of the design pieces will be available for purchase. The studio includes four glass furnaces, three kilns and cold working equipment along with ample space and natural light for working on glass sculptures of all sizes. The cost to attend the Motor City Blow-Off is free for children under 16, \$5 for students with ID and \$10 for adults. Guests are welcome to stay for as many demonstrations as they'd like. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day. For more information about upcoming events, call 313-561-4527 or visit [www.furnacehotglass.com](http://www.furnacehotglass.com). Hot Glass Works was established in 1991 to create original glass designs for a variety of clients including interior designers, architects and private commissions. Many of the studio's works are available for public viewing in corporate headquarters, office buildings, restaurants and lobbies. Additional information is available at [www.furnacehotglass.com](http://www.furnacehotglass.com) or by calling 313.561.4527.