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The Brychtová Forum
Women Artists Working in Glass:
Celebrating Innovation and Vision across Generations
July 15 - 18, 2010 in Seattle, WA



The Brychtová Forum - Women Artists Working in Glass: Celebrating Innovation and Vision Across Generations, a four-day series of free lectures, panel discussions and events, will be held at locations throughout the city from July 15 - 18, 2010. A collaborative effort by several prominent organizations involved with Seattle's glass community, *The Brychtová Forum* was conceived to celebrate the rich tradition of women working in glass while also recognizing the life and work of one of the most important artists in the history of the glass movement.

The Brychtová Forum includes opening night presentations by Ms. Brychtová and Czech curator Sylva Petrova, followed by a reception and special exhibition curated by Sarah Traver at Traver Gallery Seattle. Ms. Brychtová will discuss her ongoing work, her lifelong collaboration with Stanislav Libenský and the 2010 opening of the Libenský/ Brychtová Museum in Zelezny Brod.

Panel discussions featuring three generations of leading glass artists will be presented at Seattle Art Museum throughout the day on Friday and on Saturday morning, all of which will be free and open to the public. A curator-led discussion will take place on Saturday afternoon, followed by a glassblowing demonstration and artist party at Pratt. Seating is limited for these events, and tickets will be available on a first-come first-served basis. A private closing reception and fundraising brunch will be held in honor of Jaroslava at Dale Chihuly's Boathouse on Sunday and guests are encouraged to visit Pilchuck Glass School's annual Open House afterward.

During *The Brychtová Forum*, artists working in glass will have the opportunity to participate in a film documentary project with the goal of capturing the essence of each individual's influences, motivations, inspirations and motivations and visions for their work and the future of glass. Each participant will be asked a set of specific questions and will also have an opportunity to include images of their work. Filming will take place on site.

The Forum is free, but participants must register in advance as space is limited. Online registration is available at www.pratt.org/happenings/forum.html.

Participating Organizations:Chihuly Studio

Glass Art Society
Museum of Glass
Pilchuck Glass School
Pratt Fine Arts Center
Seattle Art Museum
Traver Gallery

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THE BRYCHTOVÀ FORUM SCHEDULE

What: Jaroslava Brychtová with introduction by Sylva Petrova: Opening Address

When: Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 6pm

Where: Arnold Board Room, Seattle Art Museum, 1300 1st Ave., Seattle, WA

Admission: FREE

What: Exhibition and Reception at the Traver Gallery - Seattle

When: Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 8pm

Where: Traver Gallery, 110 Union St. #200, Seattle, WA

Admission: FREE

What: Panel Discussion: Emerging Artists

Including: Rebecca Chernow, Rachel Moore, April Surgent
(moderated by Sarah Traver and Patricia Davidson)

When: Friday, July 16, 2010 from 9 - 10:30am

Where: Auditorium, Seattle Art Museum, 1300 1st Ave., Seattle, WA

Admission: FREE

What: Panel Discussion: Established Artists

Including: Shelley Muzykowski Allen, Tina Aufiero, Nancy Callan, Jen Elek
(moderated by Rock Hushka and Jenny Pohlman)

When: Friday, July 16, 2010 from 11am - 12:30pm

Where: Auditorium, Seattle Art Museum, 1300 1st Ave., Seattle, WA

Admission: FREE

What: Jaroslava Brychtová- Documentary Film by Jiri Malek (2010)

Who: Open to all participants

When: Friday, July 16, 2010 from 1 - 1:30pm

Where: Auditorium, Seattle Art Museum, 1300 1st Ave., Seattle, WA

Admission: FREE

What: Panel Discussion: Master Artists

Including: Joey Kirkpatrick, Flora Mace, Nancy Mee, Ginny Ruffner,
Cappy Thompson

(moderated by Paula Stokes and Linda Tesner)

When: Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 9 - 10:30am

Where: Auditorium, Seattle Art Museum, 1300 1st Ave., Seattle, WA

Admission: FREE

What: Panel Discussion: Curators

Including: Margery Aronson, Sylva Petrova TBA
(moderated by Maria Porges)

When: Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 11am - 12:30pm

Where: Auditorium, Seattle Art Museum, 1300 1st Ave., Seattle, WA

Admission: FREE

WHAT: Jaroslava Brychtova Documentary Film (2010)

Who: Open to all participants

When: Saturday, July, 17, 1 - 1:30pm

Where: Auditorium, Seattle Art Museum

Admission: FREE

What: **Glassblowing Demonstration and Artist Party**
Including: All participants
When: Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 6 - 9pm
Where: Pratt Fine Arts Center, 1902 S. Main St., Seattle, WA
Admission: FREE

What: **Fundraising Brunch and Demo
at Dale Chihuly's Studio**
Benefiting: The Libensky/Brychtová Museum in the Czech Republic
Featuring: Sonja Blomdahl
When: Sunday, July 18, 2010 from 10am - 12pm
Where: Boathouse, 509 NE Northlake Way, Seattle, WA
Admission: \$100 Donation

What: **Pilchuck Glass School Open House**
When: Sunday, July 18, 2010 from 10am - 12pm
Where: Pilchuck Glass School, 1201-316th St NW Stanwood, WA
Admission: \$20

Image: Jaroslava Brychtová at the Glass Art Society conference in 1990.
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