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## **John Kiley Named Glass Director for Arts Council of Snohomish County**

Everett, WA (October 12) — The Arts Council of Snohomish County (ACSC) recently named John Kiley as the Director of Glass Programs for its new Schack Art Center.

Targeted to open in late 2010, the Schack Art Center's glass program will include a complete hot shop, cold-working shop, sandblasting and warm shop studio, exhibit space, retail gallery store and multi-purpose studios. Kiley will oversee the build-out and equipment purchases for the studios and manage daily operations. He will also develop and manage a variety of glass programs to meet the needs of community members including students, artists and corporations.

A native of Seattle, Washington, Kiley began blowing glass professionally at the age of 19. Educated at Pilchuck Glass School in Stanwood, WA and Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina, he began his career working for Dale Chihuly and participated in the *Chihuly Over Venice* project, serving as a gaffer on one of the chandelier teams. During this time, Kiley also assisted distinguished glass artists Dante Marioni and Benjamin Moore. He continues to serve as a principal team member with Lino Tagliapietra and has blown glass with the Maestro at his private studio on Murano and numerous other places throughout the world.

In addition to being a visiting artist at The Museum of Glass in Tacoma, Kiley has taught glassblowing at Ireland's National College of Art and Design, the Bezalel Academy of Arts in Israel and the Pratt Fine Arts Center in Seattle. His work has exhibited around the world and most recently won "Best in Show" at *BIGG: Breakthrough Ideas in Global Glass*, a collaboration sponsored by Steuben Glass among the Ohio State University Department of Art's Glass Program, OSU Urban Arts Space and Hawk Galleries. For more information on Kiley and to view examples of his recent work, visit <http://www.johnkiley.com>.

"We are delighted to have John lead the development of our glass program," said Judy Tuohy, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Snohomish County. "Our new glass studios will be a major attraction drawing people from all over the region to the center."

### **About the Arts Council of Snohomish County**

Established in 1974, the Arts Council of Snohomish County is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which celebrates and promotes the arts for the enhancement of the community. Through arts education programs, admission free gallery exhibits, and community events, it serves all of Snohomish County as well as artists and arts supporters from King, Island, and Skagit counties. For more information, visit [www.artscouncilofsnoco.org](http://www.artscouncilofsnoco.org).

### **About the Schack Art Center**

In 1990, the ACSC initiated a \$6 million capital campaign to build a multi-use regional arts center in downtown Everett. The Schack Art Center will house the Visual Arts Education Center for ACSC programs, as well as affordable housing for working artists and their families constructed by Artspace Projects. When completed in late 2010, the 80,000-square foot facility will serve as a neighborhood gathering place where artists live, work and collaborate and a destination locale designed to culturally enrich community life through art exhibits, classes and workshops. For more information, visit <http://artscouncilofsnoco.org/campaign/project.html>.

### **About Artspace**

Founded in 1979 and based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Artspace is the nation's leading nonprofit real estate developer for the arts. Its mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable space for artists and arts organization. Visit <http://www.artspace.org> for more information.



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