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Meltdown Glass Art & Design LLC announces that BJ Katz, Founder and Art Director, was awarded the 2008 Arizona Artist of the Year Award by the Art Renaissance Initiative Chandler, AZ (October 22, 2008) – Meltdown Glass Art & Design LLC announces that artist BJ Katz was honored on October 21st, with the 2008 Arizona Artist of the Year Award. This is the 8th annual award. Past recipients of this award have included luminaries Fritz Scholder and Paolo Soleri.

Artist and Art Director BJ Katz and her studio, Meltdown Glass, offer large-scale custom works of art including glass sculptures, murals, water walls, doors, divider walls, table tops and windows. Her large-scale custom works of art in kiln-cast glass are created in deeply embossed, hand-made kiln-cast glass with color and other unique effects. A layering of textures, paints and designs in resonant patterns creates simple, elegant works of art by BJ Katz. Commissions include public art, major corporations, museums, hotels, casinos, restaurants, shopping centers, healthcare, government and educational institutions and private collectors throughout the US.

Digital high and low resolution files of installations available on request.

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