

JEFF ZIMMERMAN DRAWINGS IN GLASS

OPENING NOVEMBER 19, 2009 AT R 20TH CENTURY

R 20th Century is pleased to announce the opening of *Drawings in Glass*, an exhibition featuring exceptional new work by Jeff Zimmerman. The opening will take place on Thursday, November 19, from 6 pm until 8 pm. The artist will be present.

Inspired by patterns in nature—such as branches, waves, fractals and flower petals—Zimmerman has re-imagined the gallery space as a three dimensional sketchbook showcasing his exquisite glass objects, illuminated hanging sculptures and mirrorized wall relief installations.

In creating this collection Zimmerman employed a calculated naiveté and lexicon of elemental forms that belie his incomparable craftsmanship and stature as one of the preeminent glassblowers working today. Seemingly simple, the pieces each push the boundaries of both the material and the traditions of glassblowing, creating a landscape of breathtaking, wholly unique forms.



Bubble Cluster Illuminated Sculpture and Serpentine Wall Sculptures in hand-blown glass. Designed and made by Jeff Zimmerman, USA.



Zimmerman manipulates the glass by hand, using what he refers to as “controlled accidents” to design in response to and in concert with the material’s unstable nature. *Drawings in Glass* explores the artist’s experimentation with functionality and abstraction. It is also an ecstatic study in movement as the pieces explode, drip, hang and snake throughout the space, all the while reflecting the changing light as well as the surrounding objects and viewers.

Zimmerman’s work has been shown at institutions and galleries such as the Brooklyn Museum, the American Craft Museum, Sean Kelly Gallery and Emmanuel Perrotin Gallery. His work is included in private collections worldwide.

Drawings in Glass will remain on view through January 8, 2010.

Please contact Lily Kane at the gallery (212-343-7979 or lily@r20thcentury.com) for more information or high-resolution images for publication.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 am until 6 pm and Saturday by appointment.



"Splash" wall sculpture in hand-blown glass with a layer of pure silver applied to the interior creating a mirror finish. Designed and made by Jeff Zimmerman, USA.



"Vine" illuminated sculpture in opalescent hand-blown glass and brass. Designed and made by Jeff Zimmerman, USA.