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The Hart Glass studio is situated in rural Suffolk where Laura Hart creates unique, bespoke and limited edition art and architectural glass works. As both artist and designer, Hart unites twenty-first Century 3D design applications with age-old traditional glass-making techniques.

Hart's butterflies incorporate fused glass with various decorative elements, cast glass and sterling silver legs, antenna and proboscis. Every minute detail is painstakingly captured to recreate its living counter part.

Each butterfly is unique and once a species has been made, the artist will never repeat it. With thousands of butterflies to be inspired by, there is ample choice. The decision to make only one of each is a direct reference to the many types that are endangered, and those that are now forever tragically lost. Their fragile beauty and existence illustrated by the use of Hart's delicate glass.

Hart's creative career spans over thirty years, from theatre and film to architectural restoration of Heritage buildings. She studied 3D modeling and animation at Colchester for three years from 2004 which led to widely varying design commissions. These ranged from creating large-scale public sculpture for concept artists to stage sets for pop stars. Many of these projects incorporated glass and design specifications which demanded an understanding of various glass processes. Immediately captivated by the medium whilst observing glass artists at work, Hart studied with Erna Piechna at Creative Glass in Rochester in 2009 and Northlands Creative Glass School 2011. Immersed in the medium ever since, she continues to develop new techniques and skills; accommodating her insatiable hunger to create art in glass.

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Peridander Metalmark Butterfly  
H9, W18, D20cm



Tree Nymph Butterfly  
H10, W22, D13cm



Birdwing Butterfly  
H8.5, W19, D17cm



Glasswing Butterfly  
H12.5, W20, D17cm



Scarlet Butterfly  
H12.5, W18.5, D20cm



Monarch Butterfly  
H10, W27.5, D11cm



Kaiser I Hind Butterfly  
H11, W19, D17cm



Palos Verdes Silvery Butterfly  
H17.5, W16, D11.5cm



Palos Verdes Dark Blue Butterfly  
H18, W16, D8cm





Swallow Tail Butterfly  
H16, W21, D7.5cm



Mother of Pearl Morpho Butterfly  
H16, W18.5, D7.5cm



Queen Alexandra Birdwing Butterfly  
H17, W18.5, D9.5cm



Blue Morpho Butterfly  
H17, W15.5, D8.5cm



Cairns Birdwing Butterfly  
H19, W19, D7.5cm





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