

V e s s e l



Philip Baldwin & Monica Guggisberg

Abaco

Circa: 1998

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Italy

Glass

Designed by Monica Guggisberg & Philip Baldwin for Venini.

Baldwin (1947, New York) and Guggisberg (1955, Bern) have been working together since 1980 with a purity of form and vivacity of colour bringing together Scandinavian and Venetian glassmaking techniques. In 1996 they started their collaboration with Venini for whose collections they design vases and lamps.

Swing/floor lamp available in three or five light version. Light is enclosed in spheres realized in hand-made blown glass with different techniques such as filigree, rigadin, balloton, stripes and satin glass.

Metal: satin nickel

Available colours: Cristallo "filigrana" lattimo / cristallo "rigadin" bluino "filigrana" lattimo/ ametista "rigadin" Cristallo "filigrana" lattimo/ cristallo satinato/ bluino filigrana lattimo/ametista rigadin"

5 Sphere light

max 40W E14 Dimmer, approx 6m including cable, 19cm diameter

3 Sphere light

max 40W E14 Dimmer, approx 5.5m including cable, 19cm diameter

Artist description:

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The list of museums and collections which have acquired their works is long and impressive. Individual showings, as well as participation in group shows, have given them opportunities to present their works at leading galleries and in major museums in Europe, Japan and the United States and their works rank among the best to be found in the international glass art scene. Working freelance, they have also designed successful products for international glass manufacturers since 1985. Their clients have included renowned firms like Rosenthal, Steuben, Corning and Venini.

In what has been a kaleidoscopic journey, the couple have undertaken a learning curve of constant exploration bound together by certain very basic overarching themes, a love of the material, a sense of art as an expression of beauty. Clarity of line is the thread which weaves the work together. While a point is a cross section of a line, the line itself runs indefinitely through space without limit. Their work is composed of short moments of these imagined lines, captured in glass, hot and cold.