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Baldwin & Guggisberg (Wales -)

A Tropical Memory

Handblown and cut glass
120 x 90 x 10 cm (47 1/4 x 35 3/4 x 4 inches)

A Tropical Memory is a unique exquisite artwork, which has been handblown and cut to the highest quality and refinement.

Philip Baldwin (1947) and Monica Guggisberg (1955), have been a collaborative team for over forty years. They share an instinctive appreciation for the subtle blending of art and design, functionality and abstract expression, combined with a love of material – especially glass.

Over time their work has developed its own distinctive signature, based in Italian cold-working (battuto) combined with the Swedish overlay process for layering colors. They have been pioneers in adapting these techniques and in creating a distinct expression of their own. Colour, light, texture, pattern, and shape together reveal an undercurrent of meaning and value, adhering to the simplest of forms and clear lines.

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Artist description:

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.

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.

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