

PRESS RELEASE

## *NOAH'S ARK NOW*

Artist Judi Harvest and Maestro Marco Giuman  
Create a Site- Specific Installation  
For The Venice Glass Week  
September 14-22, 2024



*MURANO - NOAH'S ARK NOW*, a site-specific, Murano glass installation created by Judi Harvest and Marco Giuman, will be on view in the Murano Honey Garden at the Giorgio Giuman Glass Factory during Venice Glass Week - September 14-22, 2024. The 31 of one-of-a-kind, hand-blown glass animals will be exhibited in pairs in a wooden ark made of repurposed shipping pallets designed and built by Judi Harvest and Silvia Pasqualato. There will be a reception and special event at the Murano Honey Garden Picnic, located at Sacca Serenella, 14 on Saturday September 21st, 12-4 pm.

The goal of the *NOAH'S ARK NOW* is to create awareness about endangered species including Murano glass masters. Cross-pollination, migration and preservation in nature, art and life are ongoing themes in Harvest's work.

The biblical Noah's Ark intended to preserve species from extinction. The Murano Honey Garden is a successful example of sustainability, conservation and social sculpture, envisioned and created by Judi Harvest in 2013 for her exhibition *DENATURED: Honeybees + Murano*, a collateral exhibition for the Venice Biennale.

Collaborators in the creation of *Noah's Ark Now*

Curators - Linda Wick and Judi Harvest

Ark Construction - Silvia Pasqualato, Wood sculptor and Beekeeper, Luca Polo, Beekeeper and Judi Harvest, Artist and Beekeeper

Murano Glass animal sculptures - Marco Giuman, Murano Glass Master and Judi Harvest, Artist

Special thank you to

Giorgio Giuman, Murano Glass Master and Nicoletta Zanon

## ABOUT JUDI HARVEST

JUDI HARVEST is a multi-disciplinary artist and beekeeper who lives and works in New York City and Venice, Italy. Born in Miami, Florida, Harvest graduated with a BFA from Tyler School of Art in Rome and Barry University, Miami and an MFA from The School of Visual Arts, Urbino and The New York Studio School. In addition, she studied at the Art Student's League with Richard Pousette-Dart and Bob Beauchamp.

Harvest has participated in all eight editions of The Venice Glass Week. Her work was featured in The Corning Museum's New Glass Review 2022 and The Murano Glass Museum, Murano Oggi, 2017. She had solo exhibitions at The Coral Gables Museum, David Krut Projects, New York, Galerie Thomas, Munich, participated in several Biennale di Venezia collateral exhibitions, The Caffè Florian, Biennale of Architecture and recently at Beatrice Burati Anderson Gallery, Venice.

Her work is in the permanent collection of the Gritti Palace Hotel, Venice, Valmont Foundation, Switzerland and many private and public collections worldwide. Harvest's work has been featured in the New York Times, T Magazine, Neue Glass Review, INTERNI, Vogue Italia, Venezia News, Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal and Plantings Magazine and more. Further info at [www.JudiHarvest.com](http://www.JudiHarvest.com)

## ABOUT GIORGIO GIUMAN

Since 1980, Giorgio Giuman and his workshop have been working in both the traditional Murano glass blowing technique, and the unique lost wax glass casting technique, combining the traditional with the innovative. Professional glassmakers, sculptors, designers and artists can freely implement their ideas in Murano glass with the support of the team. We produce projects of any scale — from highly detailed micro-casts to large scale works. Thanks to Giorgio's long technical experience and personal and passionate experimentation with many internationally acclaimed artists, architects and designers, such as Jeff Koons, Jannis Kounellis, Gió Pomodoro, Judi Harvest, Gilberto Arrivabene, and Giovanni Rizzoli.

Judi Harvest with Armani CASA, have realized their projects with us. Other designers include Pomellato and Cusi Gioielli.

## ABOUT THE MURANO HONEY GARDEN

The Murano Honey Garden is the heart of Judi Harvest's work and her largest project to date. Now in its 11th year, the Honey Garden is a conceptual and living work of art, a permanent installation on a forgotten field, approximately 3000 square feet (250 square meters) attached to the glass factory of Master Giorgio Giuman on the island of Sacca Serenella.

Harvest began the Honey Garden project in March, 2013 on the grounds which were covered in broken glass and sandy soil as a part of her exhibition *DENATURED: Honeybees + Murano*. Harvest became a beekeeper in 2006 in New York City and researched the types of plants honeybees enjoy and pollinate. After sourcing and purchasing 6 boat loads of new, healthy soil, she planted 500 flowering plants and 30 types of fruit trees including cherry, peach, plum, pomegranate and olive trees in the Murano Honey Garden. Also the pollinators favorite aromatic plants including rosemary, lavender, jasmine, sage, thyme, roses and wisteria. Her intention was to create an environment fit for honeybees and other pollinators with a combination of flowers for all seasons.

In April, 2013, she installed 4 functioning honeybee colonies in wooden, hand painted colorful hives in the Honey Garden. Honeybees create beauty by pollinating flowers, trees and more than 350,000 crops on which our lives depend. Honeybees are an endangered species. They are doing very well in Murano and each year produce approximately 80-100 kilos of honey which is harvested and sold to help support the honeybees and the Honey Garden. The Murano Honey is served at The Gritti Palace Hotel. An additional 50% of the honey remains in the hive as food for the bees. Every year since 2013, Judi Harvest cultivates and cares for the Honey Garden and the honeybees. She is joined by Luca Polo, beekeeper with whom she has collaborated for over nine years.

## ABOUT THE VENICE GLASS WEEK

*The Venice Glass Week* is an international festival founded in 2017 to celebrate, support and promote the art of glassmaking: the artistic and economic activity for which the Lagoon City of Venice has been renowned around the world for over 1,000 years. The eighth edition of the festival will take place around Venice, Mestre and Murano from 14th to 22nd September 2024.

*The Venice Glass Week* is promoted by [Comune di Venezia](#) and organised by [Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia](#), [LE STANZE DEL VETRO](#) – [Fondazione Giorgio Cini](#), [Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti](#) and [Consorzio Promovetro Murano](#).  
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The Venice Glass Week On view September 14th -22, 2024  
Giorgio Giuman Glass Factory, Sacca Serenella 14  
Murano, Venice Tel +39-041736619

### **31 Murano Glass Passengers on Board the Ark:**

2 Eagles	2 Polar Bears
2 Rhinos	2 Bats
2 Honeybees	2 Elephants
2 Eurasian Eagle Owls (AKA Flaco and Family)	2 Swans
2 Hippos	2 Lions
2 Tigers	2 Kangaroos
2 Pigs	2 Alligators
2 Roosters	1 Dove with Olive Branch



Judi Harvest's Murano glass Bat in progress in the furnace, 2024