

ARTIST COLLABORATION AT *STUDIO WIDE OPEN* AT WHEATONARTS

MILLVILLE, NJ (June 7, 2016) – Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center will host *Studio Wide Open* on Friday, June 24, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Glass Studio. *Studio Wide Open*, a free after-hours event, allows visitors to experience a unique collaboration between the Creative Glass Center of America (CGCA) spring Fellowship recipients.

During the *Studio Wide Open* event, Fellows *Morgan Gilbreath* of Philadelphia, PA, *Tadeáš Podracký* of Prague, Czech Republic, and *Nate Ricciuto* of Columbus, OH will present a collaborative demonstration for this special evening event. In addition to the demonstration that will feature creative uses of hot glass, all three artists as well as members of the Glass Studio staff will be available to answer questions about working with glass as a medium and creative process. In addition to conversations with the artists, visitors will be invited to tour the private studios of each artist. During this after-hours event, only the Glass Studio is open at WheatonArts. Light refreshments are offered to all visitors.

Each year, up to ten CGCA Fellows are invited to participate in the juried Fellowship program. Founded in 1983 at WheatonArts, the Fellowship program affords emerging and mid-career artists the opportunity to develop and further their work and creative process while experimenting with traditional and inventive glassmaking techniques.

To be considered for a CGCA Fellowship, artists must submit an application, which includes a description of intended projects and examples of prior work. The fellowship opportunity, in which artists are provided 24/7 access to the Glass Studio, studio support, housing, and a stipend, can last up to three months. Additional information and bios for the artists can be found at wheatonarts.org.

WheatonArts is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Open Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day. For more information about WheatonArts, call 1-800-998-4552 or 856-825-6800, or visit online at wheatonarts.org. Please submit requests for press images to wheatonartsnews@wheatonarts.org.

WheatonArts strives to ensure the accessibility of its exhibitions, events and programs to all persons with disabilities. Please provide two weeks notice for additional needs. Patrons with hearing and speech disabilities may contact WheatonArts through the New Jersey Relay Service (TRS) 800-852-7899 or by dialing 711.

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