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Jay Macdonell: *Formal Considerations*

Exhibition Runs: November 5, 2010 – November 28, 2010

Opening Reception: First Thursday, November 4, 5-8pm

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Traver Gallery is pleased to present *Formal Considerations*, a solo exhibition featuring new works by Canadian glass artist Jay Macdonell. Expanding on his previous work, which elegantly explored phototropism, Macdonell introduces us to new forms that continue to push the boundaries of the medium. Each piece in, *Formal Considerations*, uses light and the inherent qualities of glass to explore and comment on personal and spatial relationships.

Jay Macdonell's elegant glass sculptures are a celebration of potential and growth. Inspired by the undulating forms of unplanted bulbs and the colorful flowers that later spring from them, this new work is full of energy, hopefulness and life. The fluidity, vibrancy and luminosity inherent in glass itself make it the perfect vehicle to convey a sense of evolution, change and excitement.



These colorful works represent an ongoing exploration of the artist's Formulations series, in which he joins three separate blown glass components while hot to create a single dynamic piece. Intrigued by the way color, line and form work together to inform our understanding of space, these sculptures are gestural and expressive, twisting and turning like the undulating forms of the bulbs and flowers that inspired them.

A native of British Columbia, Jay Macdonell is a classically trained glassblower. Since he began working with glass in 1992, he has been very involved with both the BC Glass Arts Association and the Pilchuck Glass School, where he has worked as an instructor. Jay's work has been exhibited extensively throughout the US, and Canada, and is included in many major collections. This is Jay's fifth solo show at Traver Gallery.

Located across the street from the Seattle Art Museum, the Traver Gallery is one of the country's premier exhibition spaces for contemporary studio glass, painting, sculpture, and installation art. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Friday 10 – 6, Saturday 10 – 5, and Sunday 12 – 5. For more information, please call (206) 587-6501 or visit our website at www.travergallery.com.