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THE GLASS ART SOCIETY CELEBRITY CHEF DINNER WILL BE THE HOTTEST EVENT IN CHICAGO ON MARCH 19
Fundraiser Features World-Renowned Chefs Thai Dang of Embeya and Matthias Merges of A10 at Ignite Glass Studios

CHICAGO, IL (February 18, 2014) - - The hottest event in town hits the City of Chicago on March 19th as The Glass Art Society Conference kicks off with an unforgettable pre-conference dinner and hot glass demonstrations, hosted by [Ignite Glass Studios](#), Chicago's state-of-the-art, glass blowing and glass art educational studio in the city's West Loop. Tickets are now available for the event, which will be attended by many of the world's leading glass artists, and the who's who of Chicago's society scene.

The fundraiser, open to the public, will include art collectors, artists, and enthusiasts who will experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enjoy some of the very best of Chicago's culinary creations while watching world famous glass artists create their own works.

Glass inspired cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be created by [Embeya's](#) Danielle Pizzutillo and Chef Thai Dang (2013 Jean Banchet Rising Chef Award winner). Embeya was recently named the Best New Restaurant of the Year by *Esquire Magazine* and Best Restaurant Design at the 2013 Jean Banchet Awards.

Matthias Merges, chef extraordinaire and owner of Yusho, Billy Sunday and the newly opened [A10](#), will create a unique dinner experience for attendees, inspired by the work of the Glass Art Conference Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Dan Dailey.

Funds raised from this event help support registration fees for student members of the Glass Art Society. Tickets for the Pre-Conference Reception are between \$200 and \$225 per person, and are available by visiting www.glassart.org or by calling 206.382.1305.

The Glass Art Conference will take place in Chicago for the first-time in its 43-year history, March 19 – 22, as the city becomes an epicenter of glass art and design throughout four packed days of programming and activities. Residents and visitors to Chicago will have the unprecedented opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the amazing world of glass art as the Glass Art Society hosts a "Day of Glass", a free event, open to the public, on Wednesday, March 19th at various times and locations throughout the city.

For more information on the Glass Art Society Conference, please visit www.glassart.org.

ABOUT THE GLASS ART SOCIETY

Founded in 1971, the Glass Art Society is an international non-profit organization that exists to promote the appreciation and development of glass art. The Glass Art Society vision is centered on encouraging excellence, advancing education and supporting the worldwide community of artists who work with glass.

ABOUT IGNITE GLASS STUDIOS

Ignite Glass Studios, located at 401 North Armour Street, is Chicago's own state-of-the-art glass studio, gallery and event space, offering a wide range of hands-on glassblowing classes throughout the year in its welcoming, educationally-focused space. For more information on Ignite Glass Studios, please visit www.igniteglass.com.

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