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Steve Sizelove Named a 2007 *NICHE* Award Finalist

Baltimore, Md. (November 20, 2007) - Artist **Steve Sizelove** of Richmond, IN has been selected as a finalist in the **2008 NICHE Awards** for the piece entitled "**Accent Vessels**" in the **Glass: Lampworked** category.

Only 151 entries out of more than 1,100 submissions were named as finalists in this year's competition. The awards program is sponsored by **NICHE magazine**, the exclusive trade publication for progressive retailers.

The **NICHE Awards** program began in 1990 to recognize the outstanding creative achievements of American craft artists who produce work for craft galleries and retail stores. Judging is based on three main criteria:

- . Technical excellence, both in surface design and form
- . Market viability
- . A distinct quality of unique, original and creative thought

Winners of the 2008 NICHE Awards will be announced at a ceremony on Sunday, February 17, 2008, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, held in conjunction with the **Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft**.

Applications for the **2009 NICHE Awards** will be available in Spring 2008. For more information or to obtain images of finalists' works, e-mail melissab@rosengrp.com or visit www.AmericanCraft.com.

About **NICHE Magazine**

NICHE magazine, www.nichemag.com, is published by The Rosen Group, a Baltimore-based arts marketing, publishing and advocacy firm. The Rosen Group also publishes **AmericanStyle magazine**, an arts lifestyle magazine for enthusiasts and collectors and travelers, and produces the **Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft**, the nation's largest wholesale craft tradeshow.

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