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**Steve Sizelove  
Named a 2009 *NICHE* Award Finalist**

Baltimore, Md. (October 9, 2008) - Artist **Steve Sizelove** of Richmond, IN has been selected as a finalist in the **2009 NICHE Awards** for the piece entitled "**Strong Woman**" in the **Glass: Lampworked** category and the piece entitled "**The Dance**" in the **Goblets** category.

Only 151 entries out of more than 1,000 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 2009 NICHE Awards will be announced at a ceremony on Sunday, February 15, 2009, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, held in conjunction with the **Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft**.

Applications for the **2010 NICHE Awards** will be available in Spring 2009. For more information or to obtain images of finalists' works, e-mail [melissab@rosengrp.com](mailto:melissab@rosengrp.com) or visit [www.AmericanCraft.com](http://www.AmericanCraft.com).

**About *NICHE* Magazine**

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