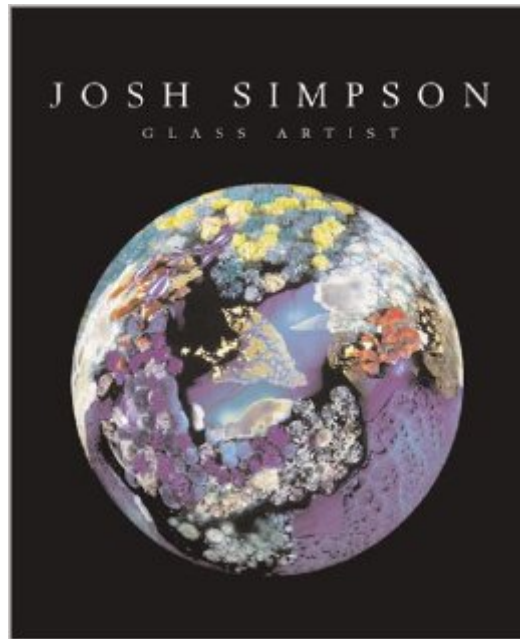


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# Josh Simpson: Glass Artist



## Synopsis

Josh Simpson's glass platters, vessels and sculptures are celebrated internationally for their extraordinary, complex beauty. His imaginary landscapes of the seas, skies and heavens are compelling and enigmatic. They are also technical feats without parallel. This book steps inside Simpson's studio and provides an intimate look at the inspirations, experiences and techniques Simpson uses to create his wondrous glass worlds. Readers will witness first-hand the drama of hot glass processes and learn many of the small technical secrets that elevate his art beyond the ordinary. Dazzling photographs of Simpson's work complement this behind-the-scenes glimpse into his creative genius.

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February of 2001 found me on a hilltop next to an old barn about ten miles from the Vermont border. It was cold out, that's for sure. New England winter is no joke! Soon, however, I was sweltering, as I was being ushered through the hot attic of an old barn, past row after row of thick rods of colored glass, and down onto the working floor of Josh Simpson's hot shop. I was standing there, a couple of paces from four or five furnaces, fiery orange crucibles of molten glass, watching T-shirted apprentices clad in protective eye-shields, colored to keep out heat and ultraviolet radiation, when a friendly man I had never seen before showed up at my left elbow. "Hi, I'm Josh," he said, and as we chatted about glass art, and how he started out with glass to begin with, he told me some of the stories you can read in this excellent book. The book gives you photographs showing how his

beautiful glass 'megaplanets', intricate and astounding, have been inspired by ice, by scenery, and by crystal-clear, detailed, yet strangely unfamiliar views of the earth from space. The close-up photos of Josh's pieces of glass art are startling. You can really see why glass is the most-collected stuff in the world. Andrew Chaikin describes exactly how Josh makes a megaplanet, a challenging process illustrated with some of the most evocative photographs of molten glass you can imagine. That's interesting enough as it is, but the second part of the book, where you can clearly see Josh's artistic imagination at work, and almost hear him talk as he writes in a warm, autobiographical voice, is intriguing.

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