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Dear Educator,

I am writing to share an exciting opportunity for you and your students! Our **Connections** program is a community partnership that provides school and community groups with free educational experiences in our galleries and opportunities to connect art with your academic curriculum.

We are thrilled to invite you to our spring exhibition, *Concepts in Glass*.

***Concepts in Glass***  
**April 11- May 15, 2011**  
Opening Reception: Friday, April 15, 6-8pm

*Concepts in Glass* will explore the material of glass as a sculptural medium. Traditionally and historically, glass is associated with functional and everyday objects –tableware, vessels, stained windows, and other decorative art objects. *Concepts in Glass* will exhibit glass as a richly varied and viable artistic medium today, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Please see the attached images for examples of work included in the exhibition.

**The works on view in this exhibition can connect to a variety of curricula**, including Art, English, History, Science, Creative Writing and Mathematics. We are excited to work closely with you to design the most valuable experience for your students. We are happy to prepare hands-on activities for your students during your visit.

In addition to custom-designed tours and activities, we also offer a standard tour experience that has been prepared by our education and exhibition staff. This includes a dynamic, discussion-based tour that utilizes Visual Thinking Strategies in order to **provoke conversation and increase visual literacy** in our increasingly visual world. We also arrange an **in-gallery activity** that directly relates to the materials, themes, and ideas presented in the exhibition. **Through these tours your students will learn to identify elements of style and design, better understand the creative process, and strengthen their analytical and critical thinking skills.**

**Connections** continues to be offered free of charge though we appreciate any donation to help us continue the program.

To schedule a group visit and/or for more information please call 617-964-3424.  
We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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