

# Natale di vetro

## Murano

December 6, 2008 – January 6, 2009

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### Opening

Friday, December 5, 2008

**h 5.30pm, Mass for the celebration of San Nicolò**

Traditional mass at the Church of San Pietro Martire in honour of the patron saint of glassmakers.

**h 6.30pm, presentation and opening of the exhibition Tunnel of Lights**

Cloister of San Pietro Martire

**h 6.45pm, opening of the San Nicolò exhibition at the Pio X Hall**

### San Nicolò Exhibition

**December 6-8** (10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm)

Exhibition of the works donated by Murano glassmakers. Organized by the Scuola di San Nicolò Association.

### Glassworks Regatta

**Sunday 7**, departure 11:30am, Murano Grand Canal.

Regatta with six-oar caorlina boats (each one matched with a glassworks of the Island) along the Murano Grand Canal, organized by the Gruppo Remiero Murano; arrival at Ponte Longo bridge. On this occasion the traditional charity market will take place in Campo Santi Maria e Donato (11am-3pm).

### Abate Zanetti Glass School

**From December 9 to 12 and from 15 to 19**  
(10am-12am and 2:30pm-4:30pm)

#### workshops for children

Fun and educational activities with glass. For children aged 6-10. Free entrance. Info 041 2737711.

**Sunday, December 7, 14 and 21**

(11am-1pm and 3.30pm-5pm)

#### glassmaking demonstrations

Glassmaking *maestri* will be demonstrating their craft and will be ready to answer questions about the different stages and techniques used in glass working. Free entrance.

**December 9-21** (10am-5pm), all days, Saturdays excluded

#### tools used in glassmaking

Melted glowing glass is of course "untouchable". The tools that are indispensable in creating the magic of glassmaking, will be on display at the Glass School.

## a constellation of events to introduce you to Murano

Discover a sparkling Christmas!

The 2008 edition of *Natale di Vetro* (Christmas In Glass) offers you the chance to enjoy a December rich in art and culture. Take a stroll through a festive Murano where splendid glass sculptures will be on display in the most picturesque locations, visit exhibitions, be a spectator of the traditional Glassworks Regatta, or give your children the chance to try the thrill of glass making. The main routes around the island will be illuminated with Led spheres: a new, creative and ecological way to conceive traditional Christmas decorations.

But there's more... Some of the most famous glass factories will be open to visitors to show them the real art of glassmaking, and provide the chance to try the novelty of food prepared in the glassworks. All this and the unique attractions of the island: the Basilica of Santi Maria e Donato, the Church of San Pietro Martire and the Glass Museum, one of the richest and most prestigious collections of glass art objects in the world. Celebrate, with the people of Murano, San Nicolò, the patron saint of glassmakers.

### Tunnel of Lights

Ten precious, handmade Murano chandeliers, created especially for Christmas by the most skilful masters of the island, will light up the ancient portico of the San Pietro Martire cloister.

Exhibition organized by Gianandrea Seguso – Roscano, bottega d'arte; exhibiting companies: Andromeda, Gino Cenedese & Figlio, Simone Cenedese, Galliano Ferro, Formia, Fornasier Luigi – design PdF concept, Aristide Najean, Gianni Seguso, Seguso Viro, Gianni Signoretto.

### Outdoor Sculptures

The traditional Murano outdoor glassworks exhibition includes a number of new pieces provided by the most important galleries and glassworks in the island. The sculptures will be on display in the streets and squares of Murano.

#### Osanna

Colonna. Sculpture by Giampaolo Ghisetti.

#### Arcobarena

Lighthouse. Blown glass, fusing and steel sculpture by Aristide Najean.

#### Chica Alegre

Lighthouse. A Juan Ripollés resin and glass powder sculpture, presented by Berengo Studio.

#### Canneto rosso

Campiello Pescheria. A Pino Castagna glass and metal sculpture, presented by Berengo studio.

#### Vitae

Bressagio. Formia, Fornace Mian exhibits a blown glass and steel work designed by Denise Gemin.

#### La luce degli angeli

Fondamenta Venier. Blown glass sculpture made by the Gino Cenedese & Figlio glassworks, designed by Francesco Tasca.

#### LU(ni/in)verso

Campo San Donato. Glass and steel installation by Fabio Fornasier of Fornasier Luigi glassworks.

#### Natale di luce in una cometa di vetro (*Christmas of light in a glass comet*)

Campo Santo Stefano. The Simone Cenedese star: which has become a symbol of the Muranese Christmas.

#### Rovo ardente

Fondamenta Venier. A sculpture by Aristide Najean composed of glass leaves of traditional and modern Muranese chandeliers fused together.

#### Abacus

Campo San Bernardo. The Berengo Studio gallery presents a sculpture by Shan Shan Sheng.

## The Four Seasons of Murano

The finest works of the glass companies, associated to Promovetro and to the Murano Artistic Glass Trademark, will be placed in Bressagio: jewelry, beads, sculptures and blown objects decorate an illuminated winter-themed tree.

## Open Furnaces

As part of *Natale in Vetro* (Christmas in Glass), the most important glassworks in Murano will be open to the public. This is a unique opportunity to discover the magic of glassmaking, to see a real glassworks operating and to admire the *maestri del vetro* as they work on real projects.

**Gino Cenedese & Figlio**, fondamenta Venier 48  
from December 9 to 12 and from 15 to 19 (9am-12pm and 1pm-5pm)

**Formia, Fornace Mian**, fondamenta Vetrai 138  
from December 6 to 22, from Monday to Friday (9am-12pm and 1pm-5pm)

**Signoretto Lampadari**, fondamenta Da Mula 148  
December 6, 7, 13 and 14 (10am-5pm) with a small exhibition of glass sculptures by Gianni Signoretto inspired by the lagoon flora and fauna, free entrance.

**Fornace Seguso Gianni**, fondamenta Serenella 3  
December 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20 (10am-12:30am and 1:30pm-5pm)  
only by reservation 041 736005

**Simone Cenedese**, calle Bertolini 6  
from December 9 to 12 and from 15 to 19 (8am-1pm) only by reservation 041 5274455

**Gambaro & Poggi**, fondamenta Manin 1  
Saturday, December 2, 13 and 20 (9am-4pm)  
only by reservation 041 736576

## Gallery Happy Hour

Saturday, December 13, h. 6pm

**Roscano bottega d'arte**, fondamenta Vetrai 94  
Participation notice is appreciated 041 0990079

## Furnace Food

In the past master glassmakers and their assistants used to use their kilns to cook their food. During Christmas in Glass a number of factories will be organizing dinners (invitation only). It will be possible to see the demonstration of a *maestro* preparing dinner, tasting some delicious "furnace" recipes, such as *bisato all'ara* (eel cooked in the annealer) or the more traditional *pasta e fasioi* (pasta and beans).

By invitation – info 041 2737711

Other evening dinners are currently being organized.

## Wine Tasting at the Glassworks

Friday, December 12, h. 5pm – 7pm, by invitation 041 739005

**Fornace Gianni Seguso**, fondamenta Serenella 3

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## Participating companies and organizations

**Actv** www.actv.it  
**Accademia di Belle Arti di Venezia** www.academiamvenezia.it  
**Aepe** www.aepe.it  
**Andromeda** www.andromedamurano.it  
**Apt** www.turismovenezia.it  
**Ascom** www.ascomvenezia.com  
**Asscum** ass. per lo studio e lo sviluppo della cultura muranese  
**Associazione Scuola di S. Nicolò**  
**Ava** www.avanev.it  
**Berengo Studio** www.berengo.com  
**Gino Cenedese e Figlio** www.cenedesegino.it  
**Confartigianato Venezia** www.artigianivenezia.it  
**Galliano Ferro** www.gallianoferro.it  
**Formia** www.formiaglass.it  
**Fornasier Luigi** www.fornasier.it  
**Gambaro & Poggi** www.gambaroepoggiglass.com

**Giampaolo Ghisetti** www.ghisettipaintings.com  
**Gruppo Remiero Murano**  
**Aristide Najean** www.aristidenajean.ch  
**Istituto comprensivo di Murano**  
**Parrocchia dei Santi Maria e Donato**  
**Parrocchia di San Pietro**  
**Polisportiva Murano**  
**Promovetro** www.promovetro.com  
**Roscano Bottega d'arte** www.roscano.com  
**Fornace Gianni Seguso** www.seguso.it  
**Seguso Viro** www.segusoviro.com  
**Signoretto Lampadari** www.signorettolampadari.com  
**Simone Cenedese** www.simonecenedese.it  
**Unindustria Venezia** www.unindustria.venezia.it  
*special thanks to the* Provincia di Venezia  
*and the* Fondazione Musei civici di Venezia.

## The Casino Mocenigo Frescos

**December 7, 2008 – January 10, 2009** Palazzo da Mula  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9am-1pm), Tuesday and Thursday (9am-5pm) free entrance

*Photographic exhibition of the sixteenth-century frescos decorating the Casino Mocenigo, the only part remaining of the Muranese residence of the Mocenigo family, now restored but at present inaccessible to the public. Organized by Asscum – Association for the study and the development of Muranese culture.*

## The School Thinks in Glass... To Be Continued from December 6 to 21 (9am-1pm), Saturday and Sunday (2:30pm-5pm)

Primary School Foscolo, fond. Colleoni 15, 041 739107  
Secondary school Vivarini, fond. Radi 9/A, 041 736611  
Free entrance

*Exhibition of the glass works realized by the Muranese children during the workshops at the Glass School.*

## Glass Museum

Fondamenta Giustinian 8, 041 739586, open 10am-5pm (closed on Wednesdays), entrance euro 5,50 (reduced euro 3,00)  
*The city of glass houses one of the most important collections of glass objects in the world. The collection includes beautiful items from ancient Rome to the middle ages, from the XV century to the Baroque period, right up to the 'rebirth' of the XX century. A chance to learn about the history of the art of Murano glass and to understand why it is so unique.*

## Basilica of Santi Maria e Donato

Free entrance  
Campo San Donato, open all days (8am-7pm)  
*The Basilica dei Santi Maria e Donato is one of the jewels of the Venetian Lagoon. It dates from the XII century and has, among other things, a splendid apsidal mosaic with a gold background, and a mosaic floor that – for beauty and historical interest – is second only to the that of St Mark's Basilica.*

## Museum and Church of San Pietro Martire

Free entrance  
Campiello Michieli 3, open 9am-6pm, Saturdays morning closed  
*An important church on the Rio dei Vetrai with works by Bartolomeo Letterini, Domenico Tintoretto, Salviati, Veronese and a magnificent Madonna Enthroned by Giovanni Belini. The sacristy has interesting wooden dossals sculpted by Pietro Morando and the small annexed museum has other paintings as well as curious examples of popular devotion.*