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GlassFX: Works by Roberto Bernardi

Internationally Recognized Photorealist to Exhibit at Hermitage in Conjunction with *Art of Glass 2*

Norfolk, VA – An exhibition conceived with the intention of exploring the effects of glass on other mediums, *GlassFX* is sure to shatter all expectations! Celebrating the internationally recognized artist Roberto Bernardi, *GlassFX* will examine the precision and brilliance of the Photorealist painter's depiction of glass still lifes. A master of his technique, Bernardi cleverly combines oil paint and varnish methods of the old Italian masters with a decidedly contemporary subject.

GlassFX will be on display from May 15th through August 21st. An opening reception will be held Thursday, May 14th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. This reception offers a first look at the exhibition, as well as the opportunity to meet [Roberto Bernardi](#) himself. Tickets can be purchased online at thfm.org or by calling Karen Perry, Development Manager, at 757-423-2052 x 205.

GlassFX will be shown in conjunction with [Art of Glass 2](#), an encore, region-wide exhibition focused on glass that takes place on the tenth anniversary of the original *Art of Glass*. This cultural event boasts participation from some of contemporary glass' greats as well as 25 regional galleries, museums, and educational institutions across Southeastern Virginia.

A collaboration of the Chrysler Museum of Art, the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, and the Virginia Arts Festival, *Art of Glass 2* includes affiliate partners that will dedicate their exhibitions and programs on the mastery of glass. As an affiliate partner, the Hermitage cleverly approaches the event's focus by celebrating this delicate medium with an exhibition of Bernardi's crisp, clean images.

GlassFX is sponsored in part by Blue Steel Lighting, Business Consortium for Arts Support, Distinctive Event Rentals, and Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

For additional information on *GlassFX* contact Public Programs at 757-423-205 x 203 or dt@thfm.org.

The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history in this Norfolk historic home. The Visual Arts School houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5-closed Wednesdays. Free for Museum Members, children under 6, and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5 for Adults, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information on the museum and membership offerings call 757-423-2052 or visit www.thfm.org.

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