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Get in Touch with Your Inner Tiki at Free January 2300° Event

Corning, NY – Grey January days bring dreams of swaying palm trees, sandy beaches and tropical shirts. The Corning Museum of Glass offers tropical daydreamers a mid-winter Tiki boost on Thursday, January 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with its free event, 2300°: Tiki Fire and Ice.

This icy-hot energetic evening will feature live glassmaking demonstrations, Tiki-inspired live music, an interactive drumming circle, regional wine tastings, outdoor ice sculpture, and plenty of fire to heat up the night.

Local artist, Marshall Hyde, will inspire Corning Museum of Glass gaffers on the outdoor Hot Glass Show stage. Hyde, also known as FireMonkey Glass, sells flameworked glass Tiki beads at events around the world, including the Tiki Oasis in Palm Springs and San Diego, Calif.; the Hukilau in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and the London Luau in London.

Ukulele-toting King Kukulele (comedian, actor, and ukuleleist, Denny Moynahan) emcees the evening. Live music is provided by the New York City-based Fisherman's Vibraphonic Tiki Orchestra, a trio that plays a blend of "mid-century Exotica and Lounge Pop."

Participants can work out their own musical energy with the One-Heart Community Drum Circle, facilitated by Steve Calkins. They are invited to bring their own instruments or borrow some from Toko Imports of Ithaca at the event. The drumming circle takes place outside, surrounded by ice sculptures: ten tons of ice in the shape of a Tiki Garden, created by Streeter Associates.

To round out (and warm up) the evening, wine tastings will be provided by regional wineries. Tiki-themed food will be available for purchase, along with a bounty of complimentary hors d'oeuvres. A free shuttle bus will run from the Museum's main parking lot off Rt. 17/I-86, exit 46, until 8:30 p.m.

Wineries represented during the evening include:

Montezuma Winery
Lakewood Vineyards
Lamoreaux Landing
Rooster Hill Vineyards
McGregor Vineyard
Red Newt Cellars

Dr. Konstantin Frank
Buttonwood Grove Winery
Sheldrake Point
Fulkerson Winery
Damiani Wine Cellars
Hickory Hollow/Highland Cellars

King Ferry/Treleaven
Ventosa Vineyards
Heron Hill Winery
Atwater Vineyards
White Springs Winery
Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards

At 2300°, hot glass gets interesting—and so do things at The Corning Museum of Glass. 2300° is a series of free, themed, art happening events at the Museum and each 2300° evening event features unique demonstrations using hot glass, live music and unique culinary delights.

Upcoming 2300° events and themes include:

February 21– 2300°: Roman Regalia

March 20 – 2300°: Spring Equinox

May 22 – 2300°: Tee Off for Summer

The Corning Museum of Glass (www.cmog.org) is home to the world's most comprehensive and celebrated collection of glass, with more than 45,000 objects reflecting 3,500 years of glassmaking history. An independent, non-profit, educational institution, the Museum is dedicated to the art, history, science, research and exhibition of glass. The Museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day and from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the summer. Children 17 and under receive free admission.

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