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## Toots Zynsky

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***Leiothrix Argentauris (Mesia dalle orecchie d'argento)***

Unique piece / Opera unica, Providence (RI, USA), 2022

Filet-de-verre

h 20,5 x 41 x 17 cm









**Toots Zynsky**

***Tauraco Livingstonii***

Unique piece / Opera unica, Providence (RI, USA), 2022

Filet-de-verre

h 31 x 71 x 17 cm









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***Erta***

Unique piece / Opera unica, Providence (RI, USA), 2014

Filet-de-verre

h 47 x 23 x 31 cm











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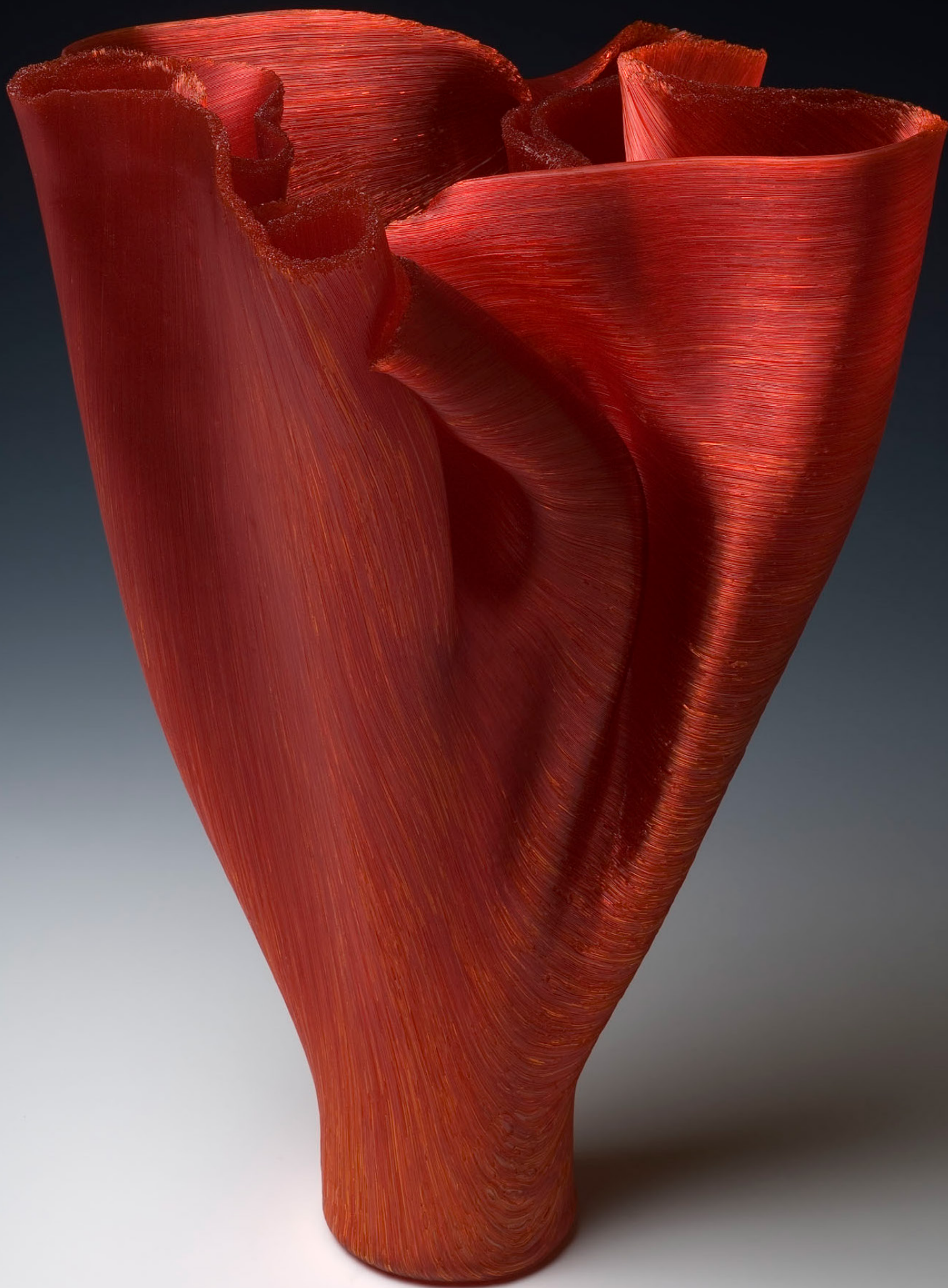
***Arrischiare***

Unique piece / Opera unica, Providence (RI, USA), 2008

Filet-de-verre

h 53 x 37 x 28 cm















Throughout her career, Toots Zynsky (Boston, 1951; lives and works in Providence, RI, USA) has always looked to nature as a primary source of inspiration. Zynsky explores, through the chromatic element, the complex relationship between man and the environment.

Of particular interest to Zynsky are some endangered animal species –but also corals – , which become the protagonists of a naturalistic and at the same time imaginative representation: the artist abstracts the natural element from the environmental context and, using a pioneering technique of glass working so-called *filet-de-verre*, builds her own, intimate and abstract iconography. Her works, statements of pure color, transcend any category and inhabit a region of their own, intertwining the traditions of painting, sculpture and decorative arts. In glass, Zynsky molds sinuous shapes, rich in folds and curves, which overwhelm the rigidity of the material itself and set the colors in motion, creating a kinetic and illusionistic effect that can only be found in nature.

American artist **Toots Zynsky** (Boston, 1951) is an acknowledged Master of the International Studio Glass Movement. Zynsky studied at the Rhode Island School of Design at a time when the cultural thresholds between Fine Arts, Applied Arts and Design were beginning to blur. At RISD, the artist began working with glass in radically new ways, first as thermo-formed sculpture and then in video-performance. After graduating, in early 1983, Zynsky set off on a three- week trip to Europe, and she ended up staying in Amsterdam for 16 years. In 1984, Zynsky was invited to the famous Venini glassworks on Murano; later that year she traveled to Ghana, West Africa to work on a special project recording traditional music. The experience of living and working in Africa, which lasted six months, had a significant impact on her work for many years afterward. In 1988, the Corning Museum awarded Zynsky its annual Rakow Commission. While maintaining a studio in Amsterdam, she moved to Paris in 1990. In 1999, Zynsky and her family moved from Europe to the United States, establishing themselves in Providence, Rhode Island where Zynsky lives and works today. Her current artistic practice is based on a technique she developed and named “*filet-de-verre*” involving the thermal fusion and forming of large quantities of colored glass threads, produced in her studio from glass cane from Murano, Italy.



## International Museums and Public Collections:

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Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, Australia  
Art Sonje Museum, Gyongju, Korea  
Barry Art Museum, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, U.S.A.  
Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL, U.S.A.  
Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA, U.S.A.  
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA, U.S.A.  
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH, U.S.A.  
Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC, U.S.A.  
The Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Georgia, U.S.A.  
The Contemporary Museum Honolulu, HI, U.S.A.  
Cooper-Hewitt Museum, New York, NY, U.S.A.  
Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY, U.S.A.  
Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA U.S.A.  
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH, U.S.A.  
Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH, U.S.A.  
de Young Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, U.S.A.  
Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI, U.S.A.  
Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN, U.S.A.  
Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA, U.S.A.  
Glasmuseum, Ebeltoft, Denmark  
Glassammlung Ernsting, Coesfeld-Lette, Germany  
Hamilton Art Gallery, Victoria, Australia  
The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI, U.S.A.  
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, U.S.A.  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA U.S.A  
Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, Sapporo, Japan  
Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, Tennessee, U.S.A.  
Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, W.VA, U.S.A.  
Imagine Museum, Saint Petersburg, Florida, U.S.A.  
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indiana, U.S.A.  
J.B. Speed Museum, Louisville, KY, U.S.A.  
Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation, Portland, OR, U.S.A.  
Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, U.S.A  
Kestner Museum, Hannover, Germany  
Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, TN, USA  
Koganezaki Glass Museum, Koganezaki, Japan  
Kunstammlungen der Veste-Coburg, Coburg, Berlin, Germany  
Kunstgewerbemuseum Berlin, Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Germany  
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Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum, Wausau, WI, U.S.A.  
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Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN, U.S.A.  
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Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL, U.S.A.  
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada  
Musée-Atelier du Verre de Sars Poteries, Sar Poteries, France

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Musée du Verre de Charleroi, Charleroi, Belgium  
Musée du Verre et du Cristal de Meisenthal, France  
Musei Civici Veneziani, Museo Correr, Venice, Italy  
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Museo del Vidrio, Monterrey, Mexico  
Museum Bellerive, Zürich, Switzerland  
Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R.I., U.S.A.  
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY, U.S.A.  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.  
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.  
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, U.S.A.  
Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany  
Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, Michigan, U.S.A.  
National Gallery of Australia Parkes Canberra, Australia  
National Gallery of Victoria, Victoria, Australia  
Nederlandsche Bank NV (The Dutch Central Bank), Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA, U.S.A.  
Newark Museum, Newark, NJ, U.S.A.  
Newport Museum of Art, Newport, RI U.S.A.  
Nordenfjeldske Kunst Industrimuseum, Trondheim, Norway  
Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida, U.S.A.  
Notojima Glass Art Museum, Nanao City, Japan  
Palmer Art Museum, Pennsylvania State University, PA, U.S.A  
Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA, U.S.A.  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA, U.S.A.  
Powerhouse Museum, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Sydney, Australia  
Prescott Collection of Pilchuck Glass of Pacific First Center, Seattle, WA, U.S.A.  
The Racine Art Museum, Racine, Wisconsin, U.S.A.  
Reiss Engelhorn Museum, Mannheim, Germany  
Saint Louis Museum of Art, St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.  
Sarutahiko Jinjya Shrine Ito Shoha Museum, Ise, Japan  
Seven Bridges Foundation, Greenwich, CT. USA  
Shimonoseki City Art Museum, Shimonoseki, Japan  
Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery, Washington DC, U.S.A.  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA, U.S.A.  
Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL, U.S.A.  
The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH, U.S.A.  
Toyama City Museum, Toyama Prefecture, Japan  
University Hospitals, Cleveland OH, U.S.A.  
University of Iowa Healthcare, Iowa City, Iowa, U.S.A  
Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, FL, U.S.A.  
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England  
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Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts, Dania Beach, FL, U.S.A.  
Würth Museum, Künzelsau, Germany  
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, U.S.A.  
Yokohama City Museum of Art, Yokohama City, Japan