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## Gathered Glassblowing Studio Creates Art Installation for Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel Lobby

**TOLEDO, Ohio, May 31, 2017**— Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel, a place to see and be seen, commissioned Gathered Glassblowing Studio to create a one-of-a-kind art installation that is featured in their lobby. The piece is called “Prism Flow”, and creates an unparalleled look and feel for guests to experience.

The hotel will be opening soon in Downtown Toledo, and is managed by First Hospitality Group. From the onset of this project, it was clear that glass was going to be part of the design.

“Toledo has long been a center of industrial and artistic glassmaking, and we've worked to showcase that rich heritage in our design throughout the hotel. With all of the artistic talent right here in Toledo we had to look no further than Gathered Glass, a glassblowing studio located just a few blocks away in the downtown Historic Warehouse District,” said Sam Schwartz, Development Director for Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel.

Prism Flow is a composition of many individually handmade cast glass prisms, mounted on the wall of the reception area of the hotel. The cast glass pieces were made at Gathered Glassblowing Studio, and the custom stainless steel brackets were designed by, Adam Goldberg, Lead Designer at the studio, and were then fabricated at A-Plus Engineering in Grand Rapids, Ohio.



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“We chose to make custom prisms for this installation because the site includes many skylights, allowing the lobby to change throughout the day. At moments, whole sections are in direct sun yielding interesting colors and light beams on the wall. The varying colors and river-like flow of the installation make the piece interesting even during off moments - when the sky is gray,” said Goldberg.

Gathered Glass prides themselves on creating magic in glass when the harmony of fluidity, transparency, & color is achieved for every site-specific installation. Harmony is their goal throughout the creative process. Located at 23 N. Huron Street in downtown Toledo, Gathered Glass is a key member of the art scene in the city, and embraces the rich glass history by furthering glass in the community and the region.

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