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**NEW ART EXHIBIT BY MURANO GLASS BLOWING MAESTRO
LAUNCHES AT INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON**

- Hotel Celebrates with “The Art of Glass” Package Starting From \$379.00 -



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BOSTON (October 15, 2008) – Straight from Italy, InterContinental Boston, along with Tesorino Gallery of Beacon Hill, today launch a new art exhibition featuring the stunning work of internationally renowned Murano glass blowing Maestro Afro Celotto. Open to the public, a total of 12 pieces will be on exhibit through December 2008 at the hotel bringing a new element of vivid color and texture to the chic and modern InterContinental Boston – the only location, along with Tesorino Gallery, to showcase Afro Celotto’s work in New England. In celebration of this first-ever Murano glass exhibition at InterContinental Boston, the hotel is offering the “The Art of Glass” package tying-in with Boston’s Diablo Glass School where guests will be treated to live demonstrations of this ancient craft of this ancient art form at their studio.

“Art adds a touch of culture and beauty to not only to a home or a business, but also to a guest’s hotel experience,” says InterContinental Boston General Manager Tim Kirwan. “We are continuously looking at new and original exhibition options for our hotel and the work by Maestro Afro Celotto caught our eye. And as an international luxury brand, it is important for us to not only think locally and regionally, but also globally. One way we accomplish this is by working with a

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Boston gallery and bring a touch of Italy to Boston through these beautifully crafted pieces through the space our hotel affords.”

InterContinental Boston has partnered with Laura Littlechild, owner and founder of Tesorino Gallery, to make this exhibit a reality. Art is her passion and she strongly believes in its significance in our world today. Littlechild stresses the importance of viewing many different things as expressions of art, which effectively inspired her unconventional gallery.

"I am thrilled about the extension of Tesorino Gallery at InterContinental Boston through Afro Celotto's work because it is an opportunity for Bostonians and guests to learn more about this underrepresented art form. It is graceful and gentle and yet bold and striking," says Littlechild. "Celotto's pieces are as modern as they are timeless representing a craft that has been around since the 7th century.”

In honor of InterContinental Boston's Afro Celotto Murano Glass Exhibit and the extension of Tesorino Gallery, the hotel is offering guests a package to enjoy "The Art of Glass" to its fullest! The package includes:

- Overnight accommodations for two at InterContinental Boston
- Glass blowing demonstration at Boston's Diablo Glass School with complimentary round-trip transportation
- A complimentary 'glass' of Italian wine in InterContinental Boston's popular bar, RumBa, with light appetizers
- An *Afro Celotto – The Magic of Murano* DVD
- 10% discount at Tesorino Gallery

"The Art of Glass" package starts at \$379.00, based on double occupancy and subject to availability. It will be available from October 10, 2008 through December 31, 2008. To book, call the InterContinental Boston directly at 877-747-BOSTON and mention 'Glass' package.

For more than 1,000 years, master glass blowers of Murano, Italy have taught their sons the art of creating beautiful glass. Afro Celotto is part of this glass blowing family. He was born on the small island of Burano, a part of the Venetian island group, which is famous for its brilliantly colored houses. According to legend, the homes were painted brightly so the fisherman could identify their own home from out at sea. To this day, Celotto credits the colors of his childhood island as an influence for his creativity.

Although still considered 'young' in the world of glass blowing, Celotto is increasingly becoming better known by collectors for his work. He learned his craft while apprenticing for Lino

Tagliapietra, one of the greatest living glass masters, and technical ability and artistic expression are exceptional for such a young artist. His work has been shown at some of the most important art glass shows in North America including SPFA (Sculpture Objects & Functional Art) Chicago, SOFA New York and Palm Beach³. In addition, his work is widely collected and represented by many of the most prestigious art galleries in the world.

Celotto can be found during the week creating in his studio located on the Island of Murano outside of Venice, Italy.

About Tesorino Gallery

Tesorino Gallery, which opened in October 2006, is located at 70 Charles St. in Boston's Beacon Hill. Founded with the vision of bringing distinct and master-quality work to the marketplace, Tesorino offers distinctive pieces of art and jewelry alike. The gallery provides a range of exquisite, elegant works that span many different tastes, styles and opinions. For more information on Tesorino Gallery or to purchase Afro Celletto's work, visit www.tesorinogallery.com or call 617-742.0061.

About the InterContinental Boston

InterContinental Boston, which opened in November 2006, is located on Boston's historic waterfront in the heart of the city's financial district and just ten minutes from Logan International Airport. This AAA Four Diamond luxury 424-room hotel is the first InterContinental hotel in Boston (and New England) and offers a spa and health club with indoor pool, signature restaurant – *Miel*, a Provence-inspired brasserie; *Sushi-Teq*, a sushi and tequila bar with salsa dancing and *RumBa*, a rum and champagne bar. The hotel also offers 32,000 sq. ft. of meeting/function space, including the largest ballroom in downtown Boston. InterContinental Boston has been named one of ten "Best New Business Hotels of 2006" by *Forbes.com*, voted Best of Boston 2007 as "Best New Hotel" by *Boston Magazine* and was voted among the "2008 Best Business Hotels" in the world by *Fortune* and *Wallpaper* magazines. For more information on the hotel, visit www.intercontinentalboston.com and for reservations call 877-747-BOSTON or via the GDS: Apollo/Galileo - IC34449, Sabre - IC27993, Worldspan - ICBOSHA and Amadeus - ICBOSICA.

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