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ArtPrize Top 10 Entry Features Scrap Glass Donated by Local Vos Glass, Inc.

Grand Rapids, MI, October 4, 2011 – Sustainability has been a dominant theme at ArtPrize 2011, and one local company is proud to see its contributions featured in a Top 10 piece. Grand Rapids-based Vos Glass, Inc. donated several thousands of pounds of scrap or cutoff glass for artist Tracy Van Duinen’s Top 10 entry, “Metaphorest.” Material that was once destined for a landfill has become a piece of art admired by thousands.

Van Duinen first approached Vos Glass, Inc. for material used in his 2009 ArtPrize entry, “Imagine That.” When his 2011 ArtPrize entry started to take shape, Vos Glass, Inc. was eager to contribute.

“Our partnership with Tracy as a construction subcontractor and glass retailer is a great example of the diversity of business participation and contribution to the spirit of ArtPrize,” said Linda J. Vos-Graham, president of Vos Glass, Inc., “and the fact that we were able to repurpose the material is an added bonus.”

The left over fragments of mirror glass were collected and given to Van Duinen in various sizes and were then broken into smaller pieces – some just a couple of inches long. Finding a new use for the discarded glass is not only a win for the environment, but a win for the visionaries behind one of the most buzzed-about entries in the annual art competition.

Metaphorest is a mural featuring several thousands of pounds of glass as well as cast and sculpted cement, ceramic tile, photo transfer tile, cement colorants, exterior and acrylic paint, and Styrofoam. It was developed as a collaboration between Van Duinen and West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology’s (WMCAT) faculty, staff and students, and the greater Grand Rapids community. The mural is currently on display at WMCAT, 98 E. Fulton.

Coincidentally in 2006, Vos Glass, Inc. received an Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Award of Excellence – Interior Glass & Glazing Category for their work on the WMCAT building.

About Vos Glass, Inc.

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