

# Glass Sculpture

**TOLLY NASON**

Tolly has created a set of whimsical, and highly collectable, glass sculptures, called *Nauticals*, specifically for Sea Pictures Gallery. Her work is always in stock.

She has a passion for glass that knows no bounds.

She graduated from Winchester School of Art and Rhode Island School of Design in 1999 with an honours degree in textiles before apprenticing herself to some of the world's greatest glass makers including Bertil Vallien of Kostaboda, Sweden; Dale Chiuly, Daniel Clayman, Rick Mills and the Corning Museum of Glass, in the USA; Helen Maurer, Layne Rowe, Mary Butcher and Fiaz Elson in the UK.

She has won several competitions including the Amoco Student Design Competition (Weave) USA; Georgina von Etdorf Award for Innovation in Textiles; and a CGS Bursary for Masterclasses at The Liquid Glass Centre.

She also has a South Cambridgeshire District Council Built Heritage Award for Contemporary Design sympathetic to the Historic Environment for her previous studio/home, The Ark.

Her work has featured in numerous exhibitions in the UK and most recently her pieces of glass sold out at SOFA in New York. She has had a solo exhibition of commissioned work at the Zoology Museum in Cambridge as part of the city's celebration of Darwin, entitled *From Finch to Finch*. It featured glass sculptures of the beaks of the finches that were part of Darwin's revelation.

## Photography

Tolly is also an excellent photographer specialising in dramatic experimental work such as her acrylic piece 'Leaves'. She has also experimented with hanging photographs in gardens in concrete frames and has won prizes for her nature photography.

She has had a large scale photographic exhibition on display at Marshalls Aerospace in Cambridge.

