

Galerie Daniel Templon

Paris

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JIM DINE

City of Glass

June 6 – July 24, 2015
Opening: Saturday, June 6 from noon to 8.30 pm



City of Glass #1, Bronze, Glass, Stainless Steel and Found Object With Oil Enamel, 61 x 53 x 50" in.

Happenings **pioneer** and one of the original Pop Art protagonists, known for **experimenting** with a range of techniques, American artist Jim Dine has chosen to celebrate his 80th birthday with a new installation in Paris: *City of Glass*.

City of Glass features a set of sculptures created from bronze, glass, paint and hand tools. Each glass city is mounted on a work bench-type base, evoking both an **artist's studio** and an **alchemist's cabinet** of curiosities.

Dine, who is a poet as well as a painter and sculptor, explains: 'Everything I've ever done, everything I continue to do, it all comes down to fire. I've spent 60 years **feeding the flame**, trying to make sure it doesn't die down.'

This exuberant birthday exhibition — the result of two-and-a-half years' work — celebrates the **creative power** of a unique artist.

Here, **tools and process** are as crucial as the finished work. Dine throws out the rulebook and pushes technique to its limit. He personally heated and twisted the tools used to create the glass cities, which include a number of rare found objects. Dine is using blown glass for the very first time, as a way to '**sculpt with light**'. A series of large drawings of tools echos the installations.

Dine's works have been shown at the most prestigious international institutions since the 1970s. Recently, his sculptures have been exhibited at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles (2008) and Ohio University (2011), and his drawings at the Morgan Library & Museum in New York (2011). His famous *Pinocchio* was celebrated at the Cincinnati Art Museum in 2012. In October 2011, a major retrospective of his graphic work will be held at the Museum Folkwang in Essen, Germany.

His work features in over 70 public collections across the world, including at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Musée national d'art moderne - Centre Pompidou in Paris and Tate Collection in London.

This exhibition will be his eighth at Galerie Templon.

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