

# S N Y D E R M A N - W O R K S G A L L E R I E S

## **Toots Zynsky**

### Bio

Born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1951, Mary Ann 'Toots' Zynsky received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1973. Prior to earning her degree she studied at the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts (1970) and the esteemed Pilchuck Glass Center (1971). Shortly thereafter, she set off on a two week European vacation and ended up staying for 16 years. She first settled in Amsterdam, where she lived and worked until moving to Paris in 1990. Zynsky employs the Filet de Verre technique for much of her work, a process of pulling threads from hot glass cane (typically Murano glass cane), and fusing them together. Threads of glass up to 20 colors are often used. The results are beautiful bowl forms with an array of rich colors that have undulating, delicate lips. Although Zynsky and her family have since moved back to the United States, her work is in at least 44 private collections and major museums worldwide.