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### **Corning's Gaffer District and Chemung Canal Trust Company Welcome Radisson Hotel Corning as Host Hotel for Inaugural GlassFest**

Corning, NY – **January 22, 2010** – Corning's Gaffer District and Chemung Canal Trust Company are pleased to announce the **Radisson Hotel Corning** as the host hotel for GlassFest which was unveiled during a press conference at the hotel on East Denison Parkway in Corning.. The **GlassFest** event takes place May 27-30, 2010 and celebrates what is easily the most well-known piece of our city's history. From outdoor glassblowing demonstrations and neon displays to glass artists and local exhibits, this event truly captures the essence of Corning in a four-day event.

Radisson General Manager Michele Donegan notes, *"The Radisson Hotel Corning is thrilled to be named the Glass Fest Host Hotel, partnering with the Gaffer District for the Event. Corning, NY is the perfect destination for glass enthusiasts to celebrate the art form. Here at the Hotel, we have the unique opportunity to talk to guests every day, from all corners of the world, who are impressed with the depth of appreciation our community has for glass. There is no other place in the world that values the history of glass the way we do here in Corning, NY. We are looking forward to the Festival and the opportunity to welcome the local community, as well as people from all over the globe, to celebrate with us!"*

Corning's Gaffer District Executive Director, Coleen Fabrizi, stated, *"I am thrilled to welcome the Radisson Hotel on board as the Host Hotel for GlassFest. Their award winning customer service record and attention to detail is just the right welcome for our guests to GlassFest. The Radisson Hotel staff specializes in making guests of their hotel and Corning, NY feel welcome and appreciated. I cannot think of a better fit!"*

As the Host Hotel of the event, the Radisson will offer custom accommodations packages to artists and visitors traveling to the event. In addition, event attendees will be able to enjoy the Radisson's award-winning service at one of the many GlassFest lectures that will take place at the hotel – both in interior banquet facilities and the outdoor courtyard.

The glass festival boasts strong support from other community partners such as the Corning Museum of Glass, Rockwell Museum of Western Art, the Steuben County Conference and Visitors Bureau, 171 Cedar Arts Center, and The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes, all of which contribute to our synergetic approach of promoting the growth of Corning, the Gaffer District and the region.

The event kicks off with a celebration at the Corning Museum of Glass on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The event will take place during one of the museum's annual 2300 degrees events. Complete event details are available online at [www.glassfest.org](http://www.glassfest.org)

### **Corning's Gaffer District**

Corning's Gaffer District is a historic downtown business district with restaurants, retail, local art and world-class museums. The culture and uniqueness of our historic downtown is reflected in local architecture and restoration along with the events and promotions held throughout our annual events calendar. For more information, please visit [www.gafferdistrict.com](http://www.gafferdistrict.com).

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