



## Creating a Looking Glass into the Vivacious Mediterranean!

**(Raleigh, North Carolina) — [March 2017]** Over the past six months, Doug Frates Glass, ranked as one of the Top 60 Glass artists in the world by Art Glass today, created a one-of-a-kind, 700 piece design. This whimsical masterpiece is an astonishing 50-feet wide and 30-feet high and spans across Vidrio's entire two story, feature wall. Vidrio is the new Mediterranean restaurant located in the heart of Raleigh—and it is pumping energetic, new life into North Carolina.

"As visionaries and native Greeks, Lou Moshakos, Vidrio's owner, reached out to me with his design consultant, Giorgios Bakatsias, with a very specific concept," Doug Frates, Studio Director and artist explains. "The intention was to design Vidrio as a looking glass into the Mediterranean world."

I worked closely with this team to customize a design to fit their needs with Vidrio's large wall space and Mediterranean coloring."

“ Every piece of glass was created and placed with one goal in mind—to transport diners to the other side of the world.  
*Doug Frates* ”

Doug Frates Glass captured the effervescent spirit by infusing colors inspired by the Mediterranean sunsets, which cascade over crystal blue seas. To deliver an authentic experience, Doug Frates utilizes genuine Italian silica to create the vibrant two-story masterpiece.





Vidrio goers can visually wander through this 700-piece glass attraction to see what their tastebuds already know. They're not in Raleigh anymore. Instead, they are somewhere overseas exploring the timeless coastal communities. They're dining with the Greeks, dancing with the vivacious Spanish over hand-painted Moroccan tiles, and fishing on the relaxing Turkish Islands.



Using the invigorating Mediterranean as a guide, Doug Frates Glass sears an ancient cultural mark on a modern design.

If you'd like to meet the artist behind this masterful endeavor, Doug Frates Glass will be at High Point Market Spring 2017. Doug Frates is booking a limited amount of one-on-one appointments. To reserve your spot, please email [df@dougfratesglass.com](mailto:df@dougfratesglass.com).

### **About Doug Frates Glass**

This award-winning studio pushes the visual and technical boundaries of the art glass industry. Listed as one of the Top 60 Glass artists in the world by Art Glass today, Doug Frates Glass creates avant-garde pieces that others can only image.

This studio is lead by the fearless founder, artist, and Studio Director—Doug Frates. He is a former active-duty Marine. After his tour of duty in Iraq, he found his inspiration and civilian career as a glassblower.

His determination and skills have made Doug Frates Glass one of the world's most recognized art glass producers, truly taking the glass blowing world by fire.

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