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Vancouver glass artist, Braden Hammond, lights up the Four Seasons Hotel with his new series of stunning custom lighting creations, Lampadario.

Vancouver, BC (March 12, 2012) – Over the past half-decade local East Vancouver artist Braden Hammond has been creating magnificent glass lighting concepts, and he is excited to announce his art will now be displayed on an international stage for a limited time. The Four Seasons Hotel will be the sparkling jewel of the town during Braden's opening on Saturday, March 24 from 6pm to 8pm. The presentation will feature the fascinating installation of Lampadario, Hammond's latest series of sophisticated frameworked glass lights.

"I created a series of custom glass lighting fixtures that I wished to showcase in a stunning atmosphere," says Hammond, "I was met with an opportunity to present at the Four Season Hotel and immediately knew that this was the perfect setting." Lampadario consists of hundreds of hand-blown crystal glass pieces inspired by traditional Italian blown glass forms. Hammond explains, "We are using pulled points of glass just like the great Italian glass masters. These forms are made from heating the glass to temperatures of over 1,600 degrees Celsius and controlling it to form long tapered points."

The process and use of hundreds of glass points embody the Italian tradition of glass, hence the name Lampadario, meaning "chandelier" in Italian. When looking at the light, each point of glass jets out towards the viewer from every angle to produce a very three dimensional effect. A sensation further enhanced when the illuminated with LED lights. This series is by far one of Hammond's most modern designs.

Hammond and his team will install each carefully crafted glass piece individually on a large illuminated armature in the main lobby of the Four Seasons Hotel for onlookers to view. Once installed, the completed Lampadario Series will be on display and available for purchase at the Four Seasons Hotel until Friday, March 30. It will be an event not to be missed by any art aficionado.

About Braden Hammond:

Braden Hammond began his journey as a lampworking glass artist in 2003 at Santa Cruz Art and Glass Studio in California. From that moment, he was hooked on the beauty of glass art and its endless possibilities. He is constantly exploring the techniques and challenges of glass and is an active participant in the growing glass movement creating stunning jewelry, lighting and art. Hammond's current art focuses on modern expressions using various lampworking techniques.