

## Biography - James Hayes

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James Hayes was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He owns and operates the James Hayes Art Glass Company in Pine Bluff. After receiving an art degree from Hendrix College in Conway Arkansas in 1988, he searched for a new medium to express his artistic talent. Three months later he discovered glassblowing at the Arkansas Arts Center Museum School. He has studied glassblowing in Murano Italy, Columbus Ohio, and the Pilchuck Glass School near Seattle Washington. James has had numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States. Some of his honors include an invitation from the White House to design a Christmas tree ornament; featured on High Profile in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette in addition to KHTV Channel 11's Everyone Has a Story. He has been on the cover of At Home In Arkansas magazine and featured in Southern Living magazine. He has won the best of media at the Shreveport Louisiana Red River Revel Arts Festival and best of show at Riverfest in Little Rock Arkansas. James was given the responsibility for designing gifts for the 2003 Lt Governors Conference and the design of the 2001 Governor's Arts Awards in addition to designing ornaments for the James Hayes Christmas Tree in the Governor's Mansion in 2007. He recently has been awarded the Hendrix College Odyssey Medal in Artistic Creativity for the 2006-2007 year.