

# DESIGNPÄÄNÄTÜRÜNEN

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Handmade studio glass from Finland

Finland is known for its art and design glasswork. The *Sinfonia* designed by **Panu Turunen** is a modern tribute to the most well known Finn, composer **Jean Sibelius**. Above all else, the edition pays respect to Jean Sibelius's relationship with nature, which was the basis for his creative work. During his long career, Finland's national composer composed numerous works directly describing plants. Among them is his *Tree* series, of which *The Spruce* is a long-living favorite of Finns.

Made from the best crystal by hand, the glass sculptures reflect the strong and organic figure of the trunk of a pine tree. The pine is a symbol of Finland's national awakening like our national epic *The Kalevala* and Sibelius's *Finlandia*. The massive pines at *Ainola* were important to Sibelius, and it is no coincidence that he could see pine trees from the window of both his first and later study.

The shape of a water drop in the work's upper part's facade reflects Sibelius's first known composition, *Water Drops*. The work's dehiscent, elevating figure invites to think of the Finnish lake scenery. Proximity to *Lake Tuusula* was a valuable asset to Sibelius. Walking through his partially natural-state *Ainola* property daily, he "forged themes" before writing his scores. While composing, Sibelius revered nature with particular respect and attentiveness.

The glass sculptures are free form mouth-blown at a glass studio in Riihimäki. They are made by Finland's foremost glass-blowing champion, **Kari Alakoski**, who has won a Nordic Championship for his craftsmanship.



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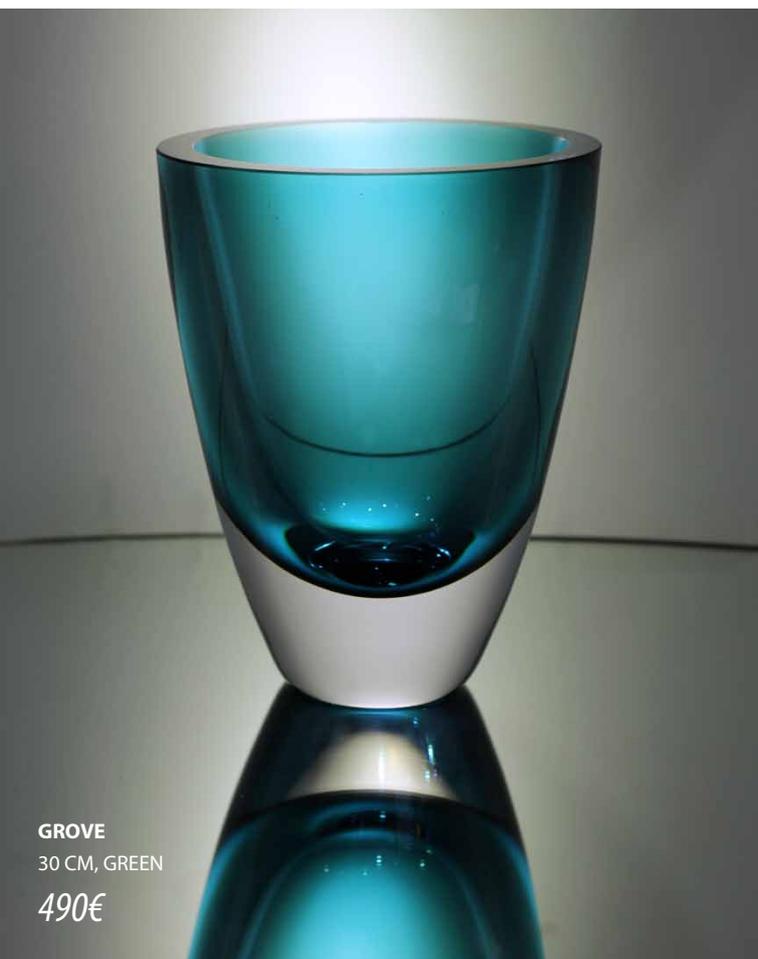
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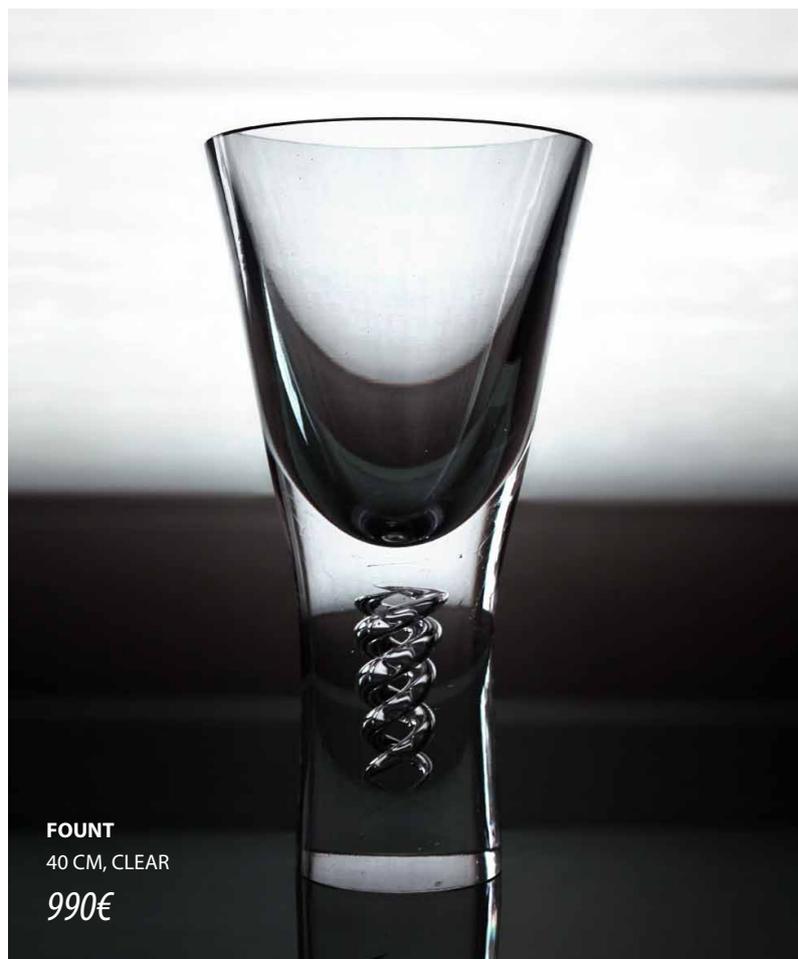
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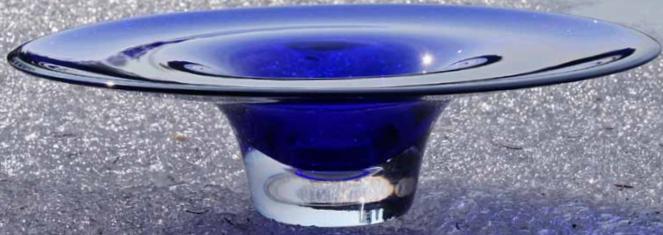
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490€



**DROP**  
45 CM, WHITE  
490€



**CUMULUS**  
10 / 15 / 20 CM, BLUE  
290€ / 390€ / 490€





LEFT: The drop vases were inspired by a profound respect for nature and make a very special gift or collector's item. Photo: Panu Turunen. RIGHT: Finland's leading glass blower, Kari Alakoski, works in a historic glass factory in Riihimäki, creating Turunen's premier glass designs. Photo: Emil Bobyrev

# The soul of a thousand lakes

## – Finnish glass designer has captured our hearts

From the Finnish forests that gave us Iittala, **Tapio Wirkkala** and **Kaj Franck** comes **Panu Turunen's** beautifully minimalistic glass art, handmade to perfection in complete unison with the elements.

By Bella Qvist

Like individual drops of water frozen in time, Panu Turunen's glass art sculptures convey the heart and soul of Finland and evoke a feeling of being at one with nature in its purest form.

Turunen, who not only is one of Finland's foremost glass designers but also a Design Manager at Finland's biggest window manufacturer, Skaala, values a respect for tradition as an essential part of his work. He therefore employs Finland's leading glass blower, Kari Alakoski, to

bring to life his exquisite glass designs, such as the drop vases.

Working in the old historic glass factory of Riihimäki, Alakoski tames glowing glass lava in the heat of the fire, mouthblowing it into ice cold, crystal clear glass items that carry with them the souls of Finland's thousand lakes.

Inspired by Finnish nature, culture and mythology, Turunen's unique glasses, plates and statuettes adorn homes and

art galleries around the world; Shanghai World Expo has exhibited his pieces, and Italian glass designer Carlo Moretti ordered an entire collection. It is plain to see why: these timeless works of art make special gifts as well as outstanding collector's items.

The Finnish artist employs the traditional technique of mouthblowing to shape his glass sculptures, making each and every piece unique.  
Photo: Antonin Halas



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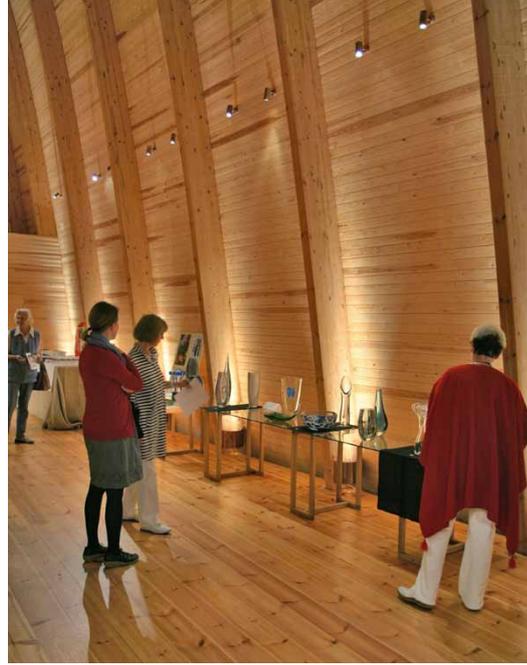


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45 CM, GREEN  
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