

THE BAROVIER&TOSO FOUNDATION IS ESTABLISHED



Barovier&Toso, the historic Murano company known worldwide for its creation of Venetian Crystal artworks, has established a Foundation for the valorization and protection of the arts through the creation of a corporate historical archive and the promotion of cultural projects internationally.

25th March 2024 – Barovier&Toso announces the creation of a Foundation in its name, dedicated to the dissemination, experimentation, and preservation of the arts in all their forms. The Barovier&Toso Foundation was established by Rinaldo Invernizzi, president of Barovier&Toso. It commits to promoting arts and culture from around the world, approaching contemporary artistic expressions from a historical perspective while giving priority to creative endeavors related to Venice and its heritage. By engaging with all forms of art that resonate with Venetian traditions, and particularly that of glassmaking, the foundation aims to support Venice's special role as one of the most prestigious cultural institutions in the world.



The Fondazione Barovier&Toso plans to create an art collection through donations by artists supported by the foundation. The collection will provide a visual record of the activities of the Foundation and will be made available to the public through follow-up exhibitions.

The foundation also focuses on creating a corporate historical archive that collects works and projects signed by Barovier&Toso. These are iconic creations and precious testimonies of one of the Italian excellences in the global landscape of glassmaking. This effort results from centuries of research, training, and development in continuous evolution. The project, which will take a couple of years, involves critical research, cataloging, and archiving of thousands of documents and artifacts that will be digitized and made accessible for the first time. Currently, the archive includes 22,000 drawings by Ercole Barovier, thousands of technical drawings of chandeliers,

historical photos, letters, and old postcards, ancient work tools, as well as a collection of almost 200 historical objects produced by Barovier&Toso that will be enriched over time.



The Foundation is located at Fondamenta dei Vetrai 28 in Murano, on the historic canal where some of the world's most famous glassworks are located, and where Barovier&Toso's historic headquarters and its furnace with its master glassmakers, custodians of a centuries-old tradition, are also situated.

