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ARTĚL LAUNCHES NEW *CONCINNITAS* COLLECTION FEATURING “BEAUTIFUL EQUATIONS” BY FAMOUS MATHEMATICIANS AND PHYSICISTS

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC — As the British philosopher and logician Bertrand Russell proclaimed, *“Mathematics, rightly viewed, possesses not only truth, but supreme beauty, a beauty cold and austere, like that of sculpture...without the gorgeous trappings of painting or music, yet sublimely pure, and capable of a stern perfection such as only the greatest art can show.”*

In the spirit of this sentiment, ten world-renowned mathematicians and physicists (including five recipients of the prestigious Fields Medal and two Nobel Prize winners) were asked by Professor Daniel Rockmore of Dartmouth College to transcribe what they considered to be their own “most beautiful mathematical expression,” and a portfolio of fine art prints based on their responses was created in 2014.

Collectively titled *Concinnitas* – and featuring equations handwritten by Michael Atiyah, Enrico Bombieri, Simon Donaldson, Freeman Dyson, Murray Gell-Mann, Richard Karp, Peter Lax, David Mumford, Stephen Smale, and Steven Weinberg – the series of ten aquatints was published as a limited edition of 100 sets by Parasol Press Ltd., in collaboration with the Yale University Art Gallery and Bernard Jacobson Gallery. The title is a word used by the Renaissance scholar, artist, architect, and philosopher Leon Battista Alberti to connote the balance of number, outline, and position (in essence, number geometry and topology) that he believed characterize a beautiful work of art.

Now, in a unique and unprecedented collaboration with the publishers of the original prints, ARTĚL – the globally renowned producer of luxury crystal couture – is releasing a limited edition collection of handmade glassware depicting all ten equations in the *Concinnitas* series.

Limited to an edition of 100 sets, the *Concinnitas* collection includes ten Double Old Fashioned glasses, with each featuring a hand-engraved depiction of a different mathematical expression. Each set is numbered and includes explanatory artist statements written by the authors, as well as a certificate of authenticity.

“I’m excited and honored to be able to make this very special collection available to the public,” says ARTĚL founder / director Karen Feldman. “The equations are fascinating and intriguing visual objects that will appeal not only to mathematicians and physicists, but to anyone who appreciates fine design. The fact that they were created by an elite group of the world’s most advanced thinkers adds to their value as an unusual conversation piece, and their limited availability makes them highly collectable.”

Established in 1998 by American designer and entrepreneur Karen Feldman, ARTĚL specializes in handcrafted, functional crystal glassware of high design. The company takes its name from an early-20th-century collective of Czech artisans whose dedication to preserving the traditional methods of craftsmanship led them to reject industrial production techniques. ARTĚL carries on the spirit of these artisans and their commitment to producing – entirely by hand – lasting objects of impeccable quality, design, and functionality. ARTĚL’s innovative product line can be found on the shelves of Asprey, Paul Smith and Christian Dior, among other exclusive retailers.

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