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**CHIHULY COLLECTION TO REMAIN ON PERMANENT VIEW AT
FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**

Reopen Date Due to COVID-19 Still Unclear

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is pleased to announce its collection of Chihuly artwork—the largest private collection of Chihuly artwork in a botanical garden—will remain on permanent view.

The Conservatory’s collection was recently showcased alongside five artworks on loan from Chihuly Studio in the exhibition titled *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature*. Presented by Nationwide and the Davis Foundation, the exhibition took visitors on a vibrant, colorful journey through the breathtaking work of artist Dale Chihuly and the Conservatory’s plant life.

“Chihuly Studio has been a generous and understanding partner through these unprecedented times,” said Bruce Harkey, President and CEO of Franklin Park Conservatory. “We are thrilled to continue sharing this amazing collection with our visitors for years to come.”

COVID-19 UPDATE

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic the Conservatory was enjoying a record setting first quarter for attendance and revenue. Due to the organization’s closure for COVID-19 nearly all revenue streams were cut, and the exhibitions scheduled for 2020 became uncertain. As the Conservatory establishes new operating procedures, stabilizing the 2020 exhibitions schedule was a first step towards reopening.

While the Conservatory’s leadership team continues to monitor the most current information available from Governor DeWine’s office, a reopening date for the Conservatory is still unclear at this time. Staff is working hard on safety, cleanliness and social distancing protocols for the Conservatory and its guests.

For more information on Chihuly at Franklin Park Conservatory and updates on when the Conservatory will reopen, please visit fpconservatory.org or follow the Conservatory on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

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[About Franklin Park Conservatory](#)

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art and nature-based exhibitions, and educational programs for all ages. Situated on 40 acres on the eastern side of Franklin Park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House; 83,000 square feet of glasshouses; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden; and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly in a botanical garden and is home to internationally recognized light artist James Turrell's *Light Raiment II*, which illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.

About Dale Chihuly

Dale Chihuly is an American artist noted for revolutionizing the studio glass movement and elevating perceptions of the glass medium. Known for ambitious architectural installations in cities, museums, and gardens around the world, Chihuly utilizes a variety of media to realize his creative vision, including glass, paint, charcoal, neon, ice, and Polyvitro. Chihuly's work is included in more than 200 museum collections worldwide, including Metropolitan Museum of Art, Smithsonian American Art Museum and Corning Museum of Glass. Major exhibitions include *Chihuly Over Venice* (1995-96), *Chihuly in the Light of Jerusalem* (1999), de Young Museum in San Francisco (2008), Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (2011), Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond (2012), Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada (2013), Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada (2016), and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, Arkansas (2017.) In addition, *Chihuly Garden and Glass*, a long-term exhibition located at the Seattle Center, opened in 2012. For more information, visit chihuly.com, [Facebook.com/chihuly](https://www.facebook.com/chihuly) and [@ChihulyStudio](https://www.instagram.com/ChihulyStudio).