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## **Chihuly Reveals Sculptures To Be Installed at Desert Botanical Garden**

**Advanced Purchase for *Chihuly: The Nature of Glass*  
Begins Sunday, October 12, 2008**

(PHOENIX) After a summer of anticipation, the Desert Botanical Garden has learned what sculptures will be installed for *Chihuly: The Nature of Glass*. A total of 15 installation areas will play host to *Chandeliers*, *Towers*, the *Sun* and *Moon*, and numerous other beautiful groupings.

The new Sybil B. Harrington Cactus & Succulent Galleries will feature both large and small *Chandeliers* while the Harriet K. Maxwell Desert Wildflower Trail will sprout a 30 foot tall *Neon Tower* and a *Mille Fiori*. A moon, displayed once at the 2004 Summer Athens Olympics, will also rise over the Garden.

“Excitement in the community and at the Garden has been building since we announced *Chihuly: The Nature of Glass*, last spring,” said Garden executive director, Kenneth J. Schutz. “We’ve spent our summer preparing for November 22<sup>nd</sup> and are thrilled to finally learn what sculptures will be installed.”

### **Background**

The Desert Botanical Garden announced *Chihuly: The Nature of Glass* in spring 2008. The exhibit will open Saturday, November 22, 2008 and remain until May 31, 2009.

Dale Chihuly is known for his innovative glass sculptures and his work is immediately recognizable for its grand scale and use of vibrant colors. Chihuly’s spectacular creations are found in more than 200 museums worldwide including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, London’s Victoria and Albert Museum

and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Garden exhibitions of his work have been mounted at the New York Botanical Garden, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Atlanta Botanical Garden and the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew.

Sponsors for the Chihuly exhibition include Target, Sunstate Equipment Co., LLC. and Hotel Indigo

### **General Chihuly Exhibition Details**

To make the visitor experience as enjoyable as possible, Desert Botanical Garden is introducing timed admissions. This is designed to control the flow of guests, ensure adequate parking and improve your viewing experience.

Dates: November 22, 2008 – May 31, 2009

Hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. with three timed admission periods

8 a.m. – noon / noon – 4 p.m. / 4p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tickets: **Members**

Members will enjoy unlimited Garden admission based on their level of membership. Members will need to reserve tickets online at [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org) or by phone at 480-481-8188, beginning Monday, September 15, 2008. Members will be able to purchase additional tickets for their guests at the cost of \$12 each.

#### **Non-members**

Non-members will be able to purchase admissions for Chihuly beginning Wednesday, October 12, 2008. Adults \$15, Seniors \$13.50, Students (12 -18 with and college with ID) \$7.50, Children (3 -12) \$ 5, Children under 3 admitted free. Admissions may be purchased anytime online at [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org) or by phone at 480-481-8188, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily.

Advanced reservation or purchase recommended for both members and non-members. Limited walk-up tickets may be available. For reduced group rates call: 480-481-8104.

A “Phoenix Point of Pride”, the Desert Botanical Garden is one of only a few botanical gardens accredited by the American Association of Museums. It is a privately funded, non-profit organization and depends on revenues from admissions and gift shop sales, as well as contributions from individuals and businesses to fund its programs of environmental education, plant conservation and research.

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