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## Art on the Fly

### Oklahoma City Museum of Art installs Chihuly glass at the Will Rogers World Airport

OKLAHOMA CITY – Being a major art anchor for one of the fastest growing metro areas, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art has decided to share some of the beauty from its permanent collection with busy travelers who don't always have time to visit the artistic hotspots during their visit. An installation of artist Dale Chihuly's "Ancestor White Seaform Set with Lava Black Lip Wraps" will make its new home in the Will Rogers World Airport's terminal on November 15. An unveiling will occur at 2 p.m. inside the airport's terminal.

"Since our Museum is known for owning one of the world's largest collections of Chihuly glass, we are more than excited to share the beauty of what our Museum has to offer to visitors of the airport," said Frank W. Merrick, OKCMOA Board Chairman. "Without the city's support, we would not have been able to acquire the inaugural Chihuly exhibition from when we opened our doors downtown."

"We are very pleased to partner with the Oklahoma City Museum of Art to bring this exquisite work to our traveling public," said Mark Kranenburg, Airports Director. "Its presence enhances the overall airport experience at WRWA and introduces visitors to the excellent art community in our city."

In 2002, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art inaugurated the Donald W. Reynolds Visual Arts Center with an exhibition of glass and drawings by Dale Chihuly, titled "Dale Chihuly: An Inaugural Exhibition" (March 16–August 4, 2002). Bolstered by enormous public support, the Museum purchased the exhibition in June of 2004, which included works from Chihuly's best-known series, in addition to drawings, and was anchored by the 55-foot "Eleanor Blake Kirkpatrick Memorial Tower" in the Museum's atrium.

As part of the installation, travelers will be able to take an audio-tour of the Chihuly glass to learn more about the permanent display at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. The Oklahoma City Museum of Art is located downtown at 415 Couch Drive. Visit our website at [www.okcmoa.com](http://www.okcmoa.com) for more information.

#### About Will Rogers World Airport

Will Rogers World Airport is the city's commercial airport and accommodates over three and a half million travelers each year. The airport serves 21 nonstop airports with an average of 75 daily departures. Will Rogers World Airport is owned by the City of Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma City Airport Trust oversees the management and operation of the airport.

**About Oklahoma City Museum of Art**

Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art serves over 135,000 visitors annually from all 50 states and over 30 foreign countries and presents exhibitions drawn from throughout the world. The Museum's collection covers a period of five centuries with highlights in European and American art from the 19th and 20th centuries, a growing collection of contemporary art, and a comprehensive collection of glass sculpture by Dale Chihuly. The Museum boasts the region's premiere repertory cinema, which screens the finest international, independent, and classic films, and is home to the Museum School, which offers classes for students of all ages as well as art camps for children. Amenities include the Museum Store, a Roof Terrace, and the Museum Cafe, a full-service restaurant, offering lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch, afternoon tea, a full bar, and catering services.

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