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CHIHULY AT CHEEKWOOD NOW SET TO OPEN JULY 18
Cheekwood Postpones Exhibition Opening in Response to COVID-19

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Cheekwood will postpone the opening of *Chihuly at Cheekwood* to July 18, 2020. Originally slated for April 25 – November 1, 2020, *Chihuly at Cheekwood* is now set to run July 18 – January 10, 2021. With the new exhibition dates, Chihuly works will now be featured alongside Cheekwood’s annual *Holiday LIGHTS* show.

Chihuly at Cheekwood will feature artist Dale Chihuly’s monumental works presented throughout the historic estate, both in its gardens and galleries, including two new works made specifically for the exhibition. In addition to daytime hours, Cheekwood will offer opportunities to experience the exhibition during *Chihuly Nights*, Thursday – Sundays.

“We are grateful for Chihuly Studio’s flexibility as we navigate a new plan for hosting the acclaimed exhibition amidst the current public health climate,” said Jane MacLeod, President and CEO of Cheekwood.

Cheekwood will be offering exchanges to visitors who previously purchased tickets for dates prior to July 18th. Visitors are being asked to email info@cheekwood.org to exchange tickets.

In compliance with Mayor Cooper’s “Safer at Home” order, Cheekwood remains closed with all public programs cancelled through April 30th. When the institution is able to reopen to the public, it anticipates opening both the Blevins Japanese Garden and the Ann & Monroe Carell Jr. Family Sculpture Trail within four weeks. Both gardens will feature works by Chihuly, including two on The Carell Trail.

Announcements about other *Chihuly at Cheekwood* related programming will be made in the weeks ahead.

Chihuly at Cheekwood is made possible by Gullett Sanford Robinson & Martin (GSRM Law), FirstBank, the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation and Mercedes Benz of Music City. Leadership support is provided by Barbara and Jack Bovender and Mrs. James C. (Tooty) Bradford, Jr. Major support is provided by Lisa and David Manning.

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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).

About Cheekwood

Cheekwood is considered one of the finest American Country Place Era estates in the nation. Formerly the family home of Mabel and Leslie Cheek, the extraordinary 1930s estate, with its Georgian mansion and 55 acres of cultivated gardens and expansive vistas, today serves the public as a botanical garden, arboretum, and museum with historic rooms and art galleries, showcasing works from its 7,000 permanent collection as well as traveling exhibitions. The property includes 12 distinct gardens and a 1.5-mile long woodland trail featuring modern and contemporary outdoor sculpture. Cheekwood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and is a USA Today Top 10 Botanical Garden. Cheekwood is located just 8 miles southwest of downtown Nashville at 1200 Forrest Park Drive. Daily hours of operation: Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For further information, call 615-356-8000 or visit cheekwood.org.

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