



ATLANTA – Experience the spectacular glass art work of Dale Chihuly in Atlanta with special hotel packages and exhibitions, centered on *Chihuly in the Garden*, May 1- Oct. 31 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Stunning hand-blown glass pieces inspired by nature will be situated amongst the beauty of the Garden.

Chihuly in the Garden weaves together art and nature, showcasing the splendor of Dale Chihuly's glass with the fabulous plant collections of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. The exhibition will present Chihuly's hand-blown, glass sculptures in various botanical settings including floating in ponds, suspended in air and interspersed within the Garden's flourishing plant life.

The Atlanta Botanical Garden worked closely with the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) to bring these exquisite works to Atlanta, the “Culture Capital of the South.” Some of Atlanta's finest hotels, including The Four Seasons, The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta, The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead and Marriott properties throughout the city, are working with the Garden and the ACVB to offer packaged rates for a weekend stay, breakfast for two and VIP tickets to the Atlanta Botanical Garden with a complimentary audio tour of the exhibit. Rates start as low as \$93 a night.

Chihuly's spectacular creations can be found in more than 200 museums worldwide and more of his work will be displayed around Atlanta this summer. The Lowe Gallery will showcase Chihuly's exquisite pieces through June 30, and the Pinnacle Building in Buckhead is the permanent home of a breathtaking blue, gold, red and green wreath suspended in the air in the lobby. In addition, from May 15 through Aug. 15, the Jimmy Carter Library & Museum will showcase some Chihuly pieces as part of *The White House Collection of American Crafts*, the first official White House crafts collection displaying 72 pieces of glass, wood and metal by American's leading contemporary crafts artists.

For more information and to book a Chihuly in Atlanta package, visit www.atlanta.net/chihuly.

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