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**Western Reserve PBS to Air Chihuly in the Hotshop**

*Artist’s glass works and signed print to be offered as pledge gifts*

KENT — Nov. 24, 2008 — For lovers of glass sculpture, an upcoming Western Reserve PBS pledge program will offer the opportunity to acquire pieces of renowned artist Dale Chihuly’s work by pledging support to the station.

**Chihuly in the Hotshop**, which will air on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 9:30 p.m. and repeat on Sunday, Dec. 7 at noon, will feature pledge gifts of two Chihuly glass pieces, *Starlight Seaform Macchia* and *Paradise Persian*, plus an original intaglio print, *Starlight*. Other pledge items include the program DVD set and a Chihuly desk calendar. Pledge levels range from $90 to $5,500.

**Chihuly in the Hotshop** documents the world-renowned artist’s 2006 exhibition that reunited glassblowers from important periods of his career. The event took place at the Museum of Glass in his hometown of Tacoma, Wash., during a weeklong residency. It brought the artists and craftsmen together to produce pieces revisiting some of Chihuly’s most important series, representing more than 30 years of work. Each series featured in the residency was originally developed with a specific gaffer or artist.

Chihuly had envisioned each of them returning for the historic event — and return they did. Forty gaffers and artists participated in the residency, joined by more than 10,000 visitors who came to the museum to witness the creative process.

The fast-paced documentary **Chihuly in the Hotshop** captures highlights of the Museum of Glass residency, following Chihuly and his teams as they create magnificent pieces of glass art before an appreciative live audience in the museum’s state-of-the-art hotshop.

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