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**The Summer of Glass returns to FWMoA  
Anchored by acclaimed sculptor Christina Bothwell and works by Dale Chihuly,  
the best glass in the world returns to Fort Wayne June 27**

**June 18, 2015 (Fort Wayne, IN)** – For the third summer, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art is exhibiting a trio of exhibitions with nearly 100 works of the most exciting contemporary studio glass in the world, this year featuring a solo exhibition by Christina Bothwell, works by Dale Chihuly and his contemporaries, and the winners of the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Studio Glass Invitational from Habatat Gallery in Michigan.

Each of the three exhibitions in the Summer of Glass illustrates the artisanal roots of this gorgeous art form and intends to break down the barriers between high art and craft, and underscore the relationship of art and craft to daily life and culture, our natural environment, and the spiritual realm.

**Christina Bothwell: Spirit Into Matter** is a solo show that will feature dream-like figures in glass and stone, each transcending this reality into another existence that calls us to contemplate birth, life, death, and renewal. **Chihuly: Legend and Legacy** is a group show celebrating Dale Chihuly for his world renowned glass sculptures and as a living legend of the American studio glass movement. This exhibit features sculptures and drawings by Chihuly, as well as work by those he influenced over the past few decades. **The 43<sup>rd</sup> International Studio Glass Invitational** is a selection of the world's most brilliantly executed studio glass. Organized by Habatat Galleries, this exhibition is the oldest and largest annual contemporary glass show in the country. Selected from an array of glass masters, this exhibition features the best studio glass artists in the world.

The Summer of Glass shows open to the public June 27 and continue through September 13, 2015. Special Exhibition tickets at \$5 per person are required in addition to general admission. FWMoA Members receive free Special Exhibition tickets and free general admission. To become a member, visit [fwmoa.org/membership](http://fwmoa.org/membership).

General admission to the museum is free for FWMoA members, \$7 adults, \$5 students and seniors 65+, and \$20 for families. General admission is free for everyone on Thursdays 5-8pm. Special exhibition tickets will be required during free general admission hours. Veterans, active military personnel, and their families receive free general admission. FWMoA gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10-6pm, Thursdays 10-8pm, and Sundays 12-5pm.

The Summer of Glass 2015 has been made possible by the Lincoln Financial Foundation.

**About the Fort Wayne Museum of Art:** Beginning with art classes in 1888 given by J. Ottis Adams and later William Forsyth, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art has evolved into a center for the visual arts community in Northeast Indiana. Regularly exhibiting regional and nationally acclaimed artists, the FWMoA also boasts an extensive permanent collection of American Art, including the Steven Sorman Archives and more than 300 pieces of Brilliant Cut Glass. The Museum is committed to the collection, preservation, presentation and interpretation of American and related art to engage broad and diverse audiences throughout the community and region, and add value to their lives. The Fort Wayne Museum of Art is a funded partner of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne.

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