

## SIR PAUL SMITH CURATES EXCLUSIVE DALE CHIHULY EXHIBITION IN PARIS SHOWROOM AND GRENELLE STORE

Paul Smith is hosting a special exhibition featuring an exclusive selection of artworks from the celebrated American artist Dale Chihuly at the Paul Smith Paris showroom, followed by displays at the Rue de Grenelle boutique. This exhibition marks the culmination of a close friendship between British designer Paul Smith and the renowned artist.

The curated exhibition, personally overseen by Sir Paul Smith, showcases a selection of 12 original hand-blown glass sculptures from Chihuly's exclusive studio archive, alongside multiple signed pieces from Chihuly's Studio Edition line. Each piece has been meticulously chosen to reflect the shared love of colour and the natural world cherished by both Smith and Chihuly.

The exhibition is a tribute to the longstanding friendship between Chihuly, Smith, and Chihuly's partner, philanthropist Leslie Jackson Chihuly, who serves as the president and chief executive officer of Chihuly Studio. The trio first met when the Chihulys visited the Paul Smith flagship in Albemarle Street - Mayfair, London. Already an admirer of Chihuly's work, an invitation to visit Paul at his Covent Garden studio and office soon followed and it was on that occasion that the duo discovered they both shared a passion for collecting.

### **Paul says:**

"From the beginning, we had so much in common and just felt completely at ease in each other's company. As I've gotten to know Dale and Leslie, my appreciation for Dale's work has only grown. He's responsible for elevating his chosen medium to new heights, and I wanted this exhibition to reflect our joint love of colour, serving as a showcase of the artist's one-of-a-kind talent and vision. The pieces are mind-blowing."

### **Dale says:**

"Paul's intuitive use of color and his design aesthetic are admirable, and both were immediately familiar to me. When Leslie suggested this concept of creating conversation between my work and Paul's, I was excited by the prospect of showing my work in his showroom and shop, surrounded by his curated environments. I hope visitors find something in the work that speaks to them."

Crafted in limited numbers by Chihuly Studio, the Studio Edition collection takes its cue from major themes in Chihuly's work throughout his long and storied career, referencing larger well-known series on a more practical scale. The fine art prints and artist's proof woodcuts are testament to Dale's longstanding passion for drawing and sketching, a process he compares to glassblowing with similar spontaneity and fluidity.

The exhibition will take place at the Paul Smith Paris showroom, with a subsequent display at the Paul Smith shop on Rue de Grenelle, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to experience the remarkable synergy between the creative visions of Paul Smith and Dale Chihuly.

Paul Curates: Chihuly at Paul Smith Paris Showroom will be open to the public, from 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 (except 1<sup>st</sup> of May) with each artwork available for purchase. Please register [here](#) to confirm your private view or contact João Pinto - [joão.pinto@paulsmith.co.uk](mailto:joão.pinto@paulsmith.co.uk) to visit the exhibition. Chihuly at Paul Smith Rue de Grenelle, featuring Studio Edition pieces only, will run from 3<sup>rd</sup> May until 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.

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