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MEDIA ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

WHAT:

Permanent installation of Dale Chihuly chandelier at The RISD Museum

WHEN:

Saturday and Sunday, January 17 and 18, 2009

The Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The installation crew (including both RISD Museum staff and staff from Dale Chihuly's Seattle studio) will be installing the chandelier during these hours with regular breaks. Prime viewing times will be between 11 a.m. to Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. On Sunday, the installation will be completed.

WHERE:

The RISD Museum, Sixth Floor outside the Egyptian Galleries.

Enter through the Chace Center, 20 N. Main Street or the Farago Wing on the corner of Benefit Street and Wateman Street.

DESCRIPTION:

Following an historic and wildly popular showing of the exhibition, *Chihuly at RISD* at The RISD Museum, one chandelier will remain behind permanently and become a part of the Museum's collection. The chandelier called "*Gilded Frost and Jet Chandelier, 2008*" by Dale Chihuly RISD MFA, 1968, was one of the main attractions in the exhibition which attracted nearly 80,000 visitors during its three-month run. The chandelier which does not include any electrical components and is made of blown glass on a metal armature measures 4 x 9 x 7½ feet. The piece will hang in front of a large arched window in an open stairwell of the 1926 Radeke building.

COST:

Free with Museum admission.

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About the Museum: A world-class museum in Providence, RI, The RISD Museum of Art was founded as part of Rhode Island School of Design in 1877. Its permanent collection of more than 84,000 objects includes paintings, sculpture, works on paper, decorative arts, costume, textiles, and furniture from every part of the world and all periods of history. In addition, the Museum offers a wide array of educational and public programs.

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