

Chihuly, Dale (b.1941)
Tacoma, Washington

EDUCATION/INFLUENCES

- 1965 received Bachelor of Arts degree in interior design from University of Washington at Seattle
- 1967 received Master of Science in sculpture from University of Wisconsin-Madison, MFA 1968 from Rhode Island School of Design
- Blind in left eye

BIG IDEAS/THEMES

- World's premiere glass artist
- Art is both natural and invented
- Brilliant fresh colors and color juxtapositions
- 3-D art and glass chandeliers are his most well known objects
- Glass appears organic and fluid, use of plantlike imagery
- His works explore color, line, and assemblage

KIA WORK-*Kalamazoo Ruby Light Chandelier*, blown glass, wire, armature, 1998

- Made of 464 individually blown glass pieces
- 7 feet in diameter and nearly 1,000 lbs
- Flaring and swirling organic forms

