

CHIHULY STUDIO

Biography

Leslie Jackson Chihuly

President & CEO, Chihuly Studio

Co-founder, The Dale and Leslie Chihuly Foundation

Co-founder, Warm Springs Productions

Member, President's Advisory Committee on the Arts (PACA)

Chair Emerita, Seattle Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors

Leslie Jackson Chihuly is an American arts executive and philanthropist with a focus on democratizing access to the arts. She is the president and CEO of Chihuly Studio, the working studio of American artist Dale Chihuly; co-founder of Warm Springs Productions, which aims to strengthen community through music, art, sport, and visual media; and co-founder of The Dale and Leslie Chihuly Foundation, which educates the public regarding all forms of art and ensures ongoing viability for artists and arts organizations.

Chihuly is the strategic architect for Chihuly Studio's long-term vision. As president and CEO, she strives to balance the creative energy of an artist's studio with the demands of the arts sector to ensure stability for the Studio. She co-founded The Dale and Leslie Chihuly Foundation in 2009 with a mission to provide support to artists and arts organizations. Through their Foundation and Studio programs, the Chihulys support non-profit and philanthropic organizations with a focus on health, education, music, and the arts.

In 2022, Chihuly was appointed by President Joe Biden to serve as a member of the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts (PACA). The organization was established in 1958 and comprises civic and cultural leaders selected by the president to represent their communities for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Chihuly is Chair of Seattle's Benaroya Hall Music Center and serves on the boards of Vassar College, Pilchuck Glass School, and the Seattle Symphony. In 2018, she was elected chair emerita of the Seattle Symphony after serving nine years as board chair and implementing revitalizing changes that led it from financial vulnerability and organizational strife in 2009 to the stage of Carnegie Hall in 2014 and to receiving the Gramophone "Orchestra of the Year Award" in 2018.

As a public speaker, Chihuly shares her distinct perspective in keynotes for organizations such as the Foster School of Business, Fidelity, Path with Art, and Tugboat Institute. She is an advocate for advancements in mental health treatment and is a spokesperson for McLean Hospital's "Deconstructing Stigma" international campaign to change perceptions around mental illness.

Chihuly received the "Women of Influence" Award from the Puget Sound Business Journal in 2011. She was awarded the "Women of Valor Award" by Senator Maria Cantwell in 2015, honoring women who inspire and build-up our community, and received the "Brava! Award" from The Women's University Club in 2017 for her work advocating for the arts. In 2018, Leslie was inducted into the College of Fine Arts Hall of Fame at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in recognition of her extraordinary achievements in the arts.



Leslie Jackson Chihuly
The Boathouse, Seattle, 2018.
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