



Altria Group is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor of the Dale Chihuly exhibition: *Chihuly at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts*, (VMFA). Recognized internationally in his field, Chihuly is credited for revolutionizing the Studio Glass movement with his dramatic sculptural glasswork. The VMFA exhibition will include some of Chihuly's most prestigious works including *Mille Fiori*, *Chandeliers*, *Tabac Baskets*, *Boats*, *Persian Ceiling* as well as other site specific installations.

"Through exhibitions like *Chihuly*, VMFA is helping to make Richmond an inspiring and culturally rich city. We are excited to be partnering with VMFA to bring this groundbreaking exhibition to our headquarters community," said Marty Barrington, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Altria Group (Altria) and a VMFA trustee.

Altria and its companies have partnered with VMFA for nearly 50 years, including supporting its recent *Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée National Picasso, Paris* exhibition and supporting the expansion that transformed the Museum into a world-class facility. This support continues an Altria tradition of sponsoring major exhibits, bringing educational programs to patrons and contributing to campaigns that have made VMFA one of the nation's top art museums.

Altria and its companies believe that investing in leading arts and cultural organizations in its key communities helps create vibrant and engaging communities. Altria focuses much of its support on select major exhibition sponsorships that bring thought-provoking, world-class cultural experiences to its communities. And it champions organizations that inspire and reflect the qualities it values in its business operations – creativity, diversity, excellence and innovation.

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