

# WICHITA ART MUSEUM



In the spring of 2003, the Wichita Art Museum in Wichita, Kansas, unveiled its newest addition to the existing 1935 structure, the new 6,000 square foot Great Hall. Financed by donations from 165 companies, foundations, and individuals, the addition helped to expand the museum's collection of American art to over five thousand pieces.

CFA's services for this project included acoustical recommendations, as well as the design and commissioning of a sound reinforcement system. With the use of discretely placed absorptive materials and loudspeakers, the acoustical challenge of the room's glass walls and high-coffered ceiling was met in order to provide an aesthetically pleasing space with excellent speech intelligibility.

The focal point of the space is the new hand-blown glass sculpture suspended from the room's ceiling that was created by renowned artist Dale Chihuly. In addition to the Great Hall, the facility also gained expanded meeting rooms and banquet facilities that include a new full service restaurant on the second floor.



**Client:** Schaefer Johnson Cox  
Frey Architects;  
Wichita, KS

**Facilities:** Art Museum

**Designer:** Jill C. Elmers

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