

# Grace Farms Presents Robust Season of Programs to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

On Saturday, October 11, Grace Farms celebrated its 10th anniversary season, which runs through May 2026. The day featured the unveiling of Dancing Trees, new site-specific seating designed by Kazuyo Sejima of SANAA, as well as a conversation between the architect and Grace Farms CEO and Founder Sharon Prince; viewing of a new installation of the With Every Fiber | Pigment, Stone, Glass exhibit, featuring five new commissions inspired by the Design for Freedom movement; artist-in-residence James Florio discussing his new photographic work at Grace Farms, of Haida Gwaii in British Columbia, Canada from which Grace Farms' new fascia is sourced; viewing of Alicja Kwade's new permanently installed sculpture, ParaPosition; and musical performances by acclaimed Canadian cellist Arlen Hlusko and GRAMMY® award-winning violinist Joshua Bell.

In addition, Grace Farms Tea & Coffee CEO Grace Farms Tea & Coffee CEO Adam Thatcher and Ibu Rahmah, Chairwoman of the women-led Ketiara Coffee Cooperative in Sumatra, Indonesia, led a coffee tasting for guests. Grace Farms' coffees are ethically sourced from women-led cooperatives in Indonesia, Ethiopia, and Colombia, and 100 percent of profits support Grace Farms Foundation's Design for Freedom initiative to end forced labor in the built environment. Later this fall, Grace Farms will open its first public café at JPMorgan Chase's new global headquarters in Manhattan.

A series of marquee events throughout the 2025- 2026 season under the theme "We all build" will celebrate Grace Farms' journey, convene people with nature, present visual and performing arts, pursue justice across sectors, foster community with intergenerational activities, and explore faith through workshops and lectures. Programming will feature a new, ground-breaking series, Grace Farms Lectures. The Lectures bring together visionary leaders who have shaped our world, inviting them to share the wisdom they have learned through their distinguished careers. Each lecture is accompanied by a 60-minute concert specially curated by Grace Farms inaugural musician artist- in-residence Arlen Hlusko and performed by some of today's most celebrated musicians. The pieces these artists perform respond directly to the life's work of each speaker and the impact they continue to make. On January 10, 2026, Sharon Prince will deliver the inaugural lecture on creating spaces that communicate and catalyze good in the world. Other featured speakers include acclaimed scholar and writer and Founding Director of Yale Center for Faith & Culture Dr. Miroslov Volf and Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, botanist and acclaimed author.

More season highlights include a performance by internationally acclaimed cellist and 19-time GRAMMY® winner Yo-Yo Ma, GRAMMY® Award- winning violinist Joshua Bell, recipient of the TONY® Honors for Excellence in the Theatre, Broadway Inspirational Voices, the return of The Humanity

in Architecture Film Festival, a special concert by Grace Farms artist-in-residence and GRAMMY®- winning Canadian cellist Arlen Hlusko, Grace Farms' annual Earth Day celebration, a concert with GRAMMY® Award-winning jazz singer Dianne Reeves, a special event for athletes with five-time Olympian Kerri Walsh Jennings, and Lunch with a Purpose — a new Grace Farms series featuring conversations with leaders transforming essential industries. Throughout the season, visitors will also have the opportunity to enjoy Grace Farms Tea & Coffee through unique experiences such as Journey Through the World of Tea and Wellness Retreats. Full programming details are below.

Sharon Prince said, "The theme of our 10-year season 'We all build' resonates deeply with the very essence of Grace Farms — recognizing that what we create and how we create it matters profoundly. It matters who we build with. We all can be architects of change, crafting hope, cultivating peace, nurturing art that heals and expands our perspective, and sparking joy that spreads. For such a time as this, Grace Farms is offering a peaceful, hopeful place and creating an active, diverse community to bring about more grace and peace in the world."

**New Sculpture by Alicja Kwade**

Now on view is a new acquisition and permanent sculpture by Alicja Kwade, *ParaPosition*, 2024. Comprised of interlocking steel frames supporting two boulders and an inverted chair made of bronze, *ParaPosition*'s array of metal and stone draws viewers into the frame of this massive, yet fragile, universe. *ParaPosition* joins other site-specific public art installations on permanent display at Grace Farms, including Beatriz Milhazes's *Moon Love Dreaming* (2016), Teresita Fernández's *Double Glass River* (2015), and Thomas Demand's *Farm 56 & Farm 88* (2015).

## **New Installation of With Every Fiber Exhibit**

Grace Farms presents a new installation of the long-term exhibit *With Every Fiber | Pigment, Stone, Glass* which shines a spotlight on the Design for Freedom movement — launched in 2020 by Grace Farms Founder and CEO Sharon Prince — to elevate human rights and eliminate forced and child labor in the built environment. The new installation reveals the embodied suffering behind pigment, glass, and stone in the construction industry as well as new innovations within those materials that demonstrate that building ethically is possible. The exhibit features five new commissions responding to the Design for Freedom movement.

Chelsea Thatcher, Grace Farms' Chief Strategic Officer, Founding Creative Director, and curator of the exhibit said, "The new iteration of *With Every Fiber* is designed to help the public reimagine architecture with fair labor. It brings forward innovative solutions in stone, pigment, and glass — building materials that are typically at high-risk of forced and child labor — and highlights breakthrough approaches to ethical sourcing that will create a more humane built environment for all."

New to the exhibit are commissioned works by John Sabraw, artist and professor at Ohio University; Nina Cooke John, principal of Studio Cooke John Architecture & Design and designer of *With Every Fiber*; and artist Hannah Rose Thomas, PhD., who unveiled a life-size portrait of social entrepreneur Nasreen Sheikh. Webb Yates Engineers' sustainable prototype for truss work demonstrates an engineering solution that replaces unethically sourced carbon-producing steel with stone. The London Philharmonic Orchestra, which has a long partnership with Grace Farms recorded *Woven in Tears*, composed by Evan Williams, which is featured in the exhibit.

## **New Commission by Photographer James Florio**

Grace Farms artist-in-residence James Florio has created a new photographic work, *Haida Gwaii*, 2025, on permanent display in Grace Farms' Library. Florio was inspired by his trip through Taan forest in Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, Canada, where Grace Farms procured the Western red cedar wood which was used for their fascia that was installed last spring. The cedar was selected for its longevity, as well as its alignment with the Design for Freedom principles: the Taan forest is ethically and sustainably maintained by the Haida Enterprise Corporation (HaiCo), a company owned 100% by the Haida, the First Nations people who live there.

November 1: The Way of an Athlete | A Workshop with Kerri Walsh Jennings  
November 1: Aldrich Museum Tour for Grace Farms Members  
November 6: Mocktails  
November 8: Rest House Workshop with Slade Architecture  
November 8: Nature Workshops | Garlic Workshop November 14: Afternoon Tea  
November 15: Move with Grace Farms x lululemon November 16: Music at Grace Farms: Mon Rovía November 19:  
Journey into the World of Tea November 28 and 29: Songs of the Season December 3: Candlelight Yoga and Movement  
with Pilin Anice  
December 5: Gifting for Good  
December 7: Cookie Decorating December 12: Afternoon Tea  
December 13: Music at Grace Farms: Broadway Inspirational Voices  
December 13: Holiday Market  
December 13: Nature Workshops | Sustainable Holiday Décor  
December 17: Journey into the World of Tea December 20: Move with Grace Farms x lululemon December 27 and 28:  
Songs of the Season December 31: Wellness Tea Retreat  
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Jan-May (monthly): Move with Grace Farms x lululemon & Yoga Series  
January 10: Sharon Prince Delivers Inaugural Grace Farms Lecture  
January 10: Rest House Workshop with Slade Architecture  
January 11: Yo-Yo Ma, cello and Solon Gordon, piano January 16: Afternoon Tea

January 22: Origin Stories: The Empowerment Collective with Nasreen Sheikh  
 January 28: Journey into the World of Tea January 29: Mocktails  
 January 30: Humanity in Architecture Film Festival Reception for Grace Farms Members January 30 and 31: Humanity in Architecture Film Festival  
 January 31: Rest House Workshop with Slade Architecture  
 February 7: Grace Farms Lectures | Dr. Miroslav Volf February 7: Life Worth Living Workshop led by Drew Collins, Yale Center for Faith & Culture February 7: Nature Workshops | Seed Starting February 13: Afternoon Tea  
 February 20: Cookie Decorating  
 February 20: Polar Bear Picnic  
 February 21: Music at Grace Farms | Arlen Hlusko, cello  
 February 25: Journey into the World of Tea February 28: Wellness Tea Retreat  
 March 5: Origin Stories | Prota Fiori with Jennifer Stucko  
 March 7: Grace Farms Lectures | Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer  
 March 7: Nature Workshops | Introduction to Permaculture  
 March 12: Mocktails  
 March 13: Afternoon Tea  
 March 18: Journey into the World of Tea March 26: Design for Freedom Summit  
 April 10: Afternoon Tea  
 April 11: Nature Workshop | Berry Fruit Gardening April 18: Music at Grace Farms | Dianne Reeves with Romero Lubambo  
 April 25: Earth Day  
 April 29: Journey into the World of Tea  
 May 7: Lunch with a Purpose | Julie Wainwright May 9: Shop with a Purpose | Mindful Market May 15: Afternoon Tea  
 May 24: Wellness Tea Retreat  
 May 27: Journey into the World of Tea Weekly Children and Family Programs Imagination Playground – Daily  
 Bunny Book Group – Fridays, 11 – 11:30 am Studio Beginnings – Thursdays beginning January 9, 10 am – 12 pm  
 Open Arts Studio – Thursdays, 3 – 5 pm; Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm  
 Tours  
 Grace Farms Tour – Saturdays, 10:30 am – 12 pm Private Architecture Tours – Tuesday – Friday, 10:30 am – 12:45 pm