



Featured artist Carlyn Ray with *Sophia*

CARLYN RAY PRESENTS

## Emergence Transformation Through Glass and Light

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**G**lass artist Carlyn Ray will debut her first-ever museum exhibition, *Emergence: Transformation Through Glass and Light*, on Saturday, March 7 at The Grace Museum. Drawing on years of domestic and international training with master glassblowers, including Dale Chihuly, Ray creates art pieces that reveal the poetry of light and material – transforming molten glass into expressions of growth, connection and renewal. This exhibition explores the immersive potential of art; how light, color, and form can evoke emotion and foster deeper connection. Through this body of work, Ray invites viewers to move beyond observation into feeling, allowing each piece to become a portal for reflection and inner exploration. Inspired by the belief that art can create spaces of safety and wonder, she encourages a return to presence, to experience, to curiosity, and to the light within ourselves and the world around us.

*Emergence* will feature 20 glass installations, with suspended and interactive elements to surprise and delight visitors. Each piece reflects a unique balance of artistry and innovation, blending traditional glassblowing techniques with contemporary design. The central piece of the exhibition, *Sophia*, is a radiant vessel made of woven glass strands that spiral multidimensionally. *Sophia* emerges from the space between everything and nothing: the luminous fullness of creation and the fertile void that precedes it. Its counter-clockwise spiral recalls the womb, the black hole, and the primordial waters: places where form dissolves, intuition deepens, and new worlds take shape. As the sculpture turns, its colors move from gold and warm hues through cool hues into black, mirroring the soul's own cycle of illumination, descent, integration and rebirth.

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Carlyn Ray is a Dallas-based glass artist and designer recognized for her dynamic, hand-blown glass installations that merge craftsmanship, creativity, and community. Through her studio, Carlyn Ray Designs, she creates custom works that range from large-scale architectural installations to intimate sculptural pieces – each reflecting her belief in the transformative power of light, color, and collaboration. Dedicated to education and outreach, Ray also leads programs that inspire creativity and connection through the art of glass.

**Join us for an Artist Reception with Carlyn Ray!  
Thursday, April 16 | 6:00 PM**



Carlyn Ray, *Sophia (detail)*, 2025  
woven glass strands, Courtesy of the artist