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HORTULUS FARM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MICHENER ART MUSEUM
PRESENTS JAMES FUHRMAN
Contemplative Spaces



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Wrightstown, PA – In an exciting new partnership, the James A. Michener Museum in Doylestown, PA is collaborating with Hortulus Farm to identify and engage sculptors whose work will provide a fitting aesthetic complement to the rich diversity of Hortulus Farm's 30 acres of "world-class" gardens. This summer, the gardens feature the primordial, monolithic work of James Fuhrman. James Fuhrman is an artist with a profoundly visceral connection to the earth, his creations representing the inextricable bond between humans and the natural world. The unexpected employment of natural materials and their almost primal integration into the landscape are just two of the dynamic hallmarks of his work. His installation in 2008 at the Michener Art Museum focused on the organic power of wood, assembled as totems and environments, and the industrial strength of steel, embedded as calligraphic writings in concrete steles. Fuhrman now employs the Hortulus Farm landscape as his artistic canvas, creating both contemplative spaces and surprising juxtapositions as one tours the farm's 24 gardens.

Hortulus Farm, "*Where History & Horticulture Meet*", is an 18th century farmstead operated under the auspices of The Hortulus Farm Foundation, a non-profit organization that first opened its gardens to the public in 2005. Created and owned by renowned garden and event designer Renny Reynolds and noted garden author Jack Staub, Hortulus Farm has been called "one of Pennsylvania's secret treasures" and "a garden of world-class charm", boasting an historic "village" of 18th and 19th century buildings at the heart of the gardens. Visitors may explore the formal grandeur of the French garden as well as the whimsical practicality of the vegetable gardens along with stunning perennial and summer borders, woodland walks, a Mediterranean garden, birch and pine allees, and a spectacular circular pool garden. The garden is destined to be left as a fully public garden in perpetuity. The Michener Art Museum is a significant regional museum exhibiting both American and International paintings, sculpture, craft and design, and, most particularly, the work of the Bucks County Impressionists.

For More Information, visit www.hortulusfarm.com, or contact Virginia Newman - 212.839.0500 - vnewman@pennoyernewman.com or Jack Staub – 215.598.7072 – hortulus1@gmail.com. Hortulus Farm Garden & Nursery, 60 Thompson Mill Road, Wrightstown, PA 18940. (Note: Art Installation visitation will follow standard tour hours). Tour Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday, 10:00am - 3:30pm. Requested Foundation Donation: \$12.00 per person.