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CHARLES & KEITH PARTNERS WITH GRACE LING FOR DESIGNER'S MET GALA 2026 DEBUT

SINGAPORE / NEW YORK, 4 May 2026 – CHARLES & KEITH unveils a special collaboration with Grace Ling for her debut appearance at the Met Gala. Known for her sculptural, boundary-pushing aesthetic, the brand has interpreted Ling's vision and produced a one-of-a-kind custom pair of shoes for the Singapore born, New York based designer to don for fashion's most anticipated night.

Ling marks this milestone with a deeply personal vision – one that reflects her design language from head to toe. Known for her futuristic silhouettes and use of innovative materials, her Met Gala ensemble embraces this year's theme, *Fashion Is Art*, with a look that is both otherworldly and distinctly her own.

"Being invited to the Met for the first time feels incredibly special to me. It's a moment I've always seen as more than just an event and I wanted to create something that expresses my world fully, from head to toe, where every element feels intentional and interconnected.

With my friends at CHARLES & KEITH, who have always supported my work, the idea was to extend that same language into the shoes, not as an accessory, but as a continuation of the silhouette. We explored tension between sharpness and fluidity, something that feels precise yet organic." shares Grace Ling.

Ling's look features her signature sculptural approach, incorporating 3D-printed chrome elements that lend a futuristic edge while blurring the lines between fashion and art – with the custom shoes by CHARLES & KEITH conceived as a natural extension of her design ethos. Defined by a sleek, elongated profile and a mirrored metallic heel, the design incorporates biomorphic metal accents that subtly reference dagger and claw-like forms, introducing an undercurrent of strength beneath its exterior while grounding the overall ensemble in a refined minimalism and wearability.

Centred in a shared vision of creating something sculptural and quietly bold, the intent was to complete the look while seamlessly extending its narrative in a way that reflects CHARLES & KEITH's design philosophy, where every shoe is conceived as an integral part of the overall expression, not just an

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addition. This bespoke creation underscores the brand's continued commitment to supporting emerging and visionary talents on global platforms, bringing together fashion, art, and design in meaningful ways.

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Discover the custom-designed Met Gala look on [Dropbox](#).

About CHARLES & KEITH

Fashion label CHARLES & KEITH was established in 1996 with a vision to build a global brand that is self-assured and empowering, imparting confidence to all women.

From a single shoe shop in Singapore to an international network offering dynamic experiences across retail and online, CHARLES & KEITH is always consumer first and aims to unlock an aspirational brand experience that remains attainable. It creates collections – shoes, bags, eyewear, accessories and fashion jewellery – that enables women to express themselves.

Striving to make fashion more accessible and never compromising on creativity, the brand challenges the convention that fashion is for the few.

About Grace Ling

GRACE LING is about a sense of eccentric elegance and intelligent femininity. It is a fashion label founded on 3D-printing and CGI technology. This allows us to calculate the exact amount of materials needed and create unique forms with zero waste. By fusing technology with traditional methods of craft, this completes a GRACE LING product. Visually recognised for our 3D-printed metal pieces and sculptural silhouettes, these designs are achieved through the rigor of cut and exquisite pattern making. With an emphasis on quality materials, the pieces are timeless with longevity. GRACE LING is a uniform for the cultured modern person - a lifestyle and witty spirit that holds an ongoing dialogue with the

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world of art, sustainability and multifaceted fashion. The brand is recognised in VOGUE, BoF, Elle, WWD and Forbes amongst many others. Our pieces also exhibit at The MET and are watched and worn by A-list celebrities like Jennifer Lopez, Karlie Kloss, Kim Kardashian, Ashley Graham, Emma Chamberlain and more. GRACE LING is the winner of the Inaugural 2024 CFDA x Genesis House Innovation Grant. In the same year, she is also a CFDA Vogue Fashion Fund Finalist and winner of the 2024 CVFF x Gap Inc Award.