

# Toyota Announces Passionate Prius Owners Selected to Participate in 10 Years of Toyota Prius Anniversary Celebration

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*Event to Feature Sustainable Lifestyle Workshops by Wired Magazine and SHFT.com with Keynote Speaker Eric Lloyd Wright  
Musical Guests M. Ward and DJ Shepard Fairey*

TORRANCE, Calif., Oct. 5 — After weeks of online contest submissions, Southern California's Martin Esquenazi was voted the most passionate Toyota Prius owner by the Toyota Prius Facebook community. Esquenazi will host the official 10 Years of Prius Anniversary Celebration on 10.10.10. The event, taking place in Malibu, California, culminates 10 years of Toyota Prius sales in the United States and provides a glimpse at what's to come for the iconic hybrid vehicle.

To honor this milestone, Toyota created a unique event that showcases and celebrates the Toyota Prius community's commitment to sustainability. Toyota will host a series of discussion workshops, intimate musical performances from M. Ward and DJ set by Shepard Fairey, as well as an exclusive farm-to-table dinner presented by Outstanding In the Field, at a beautiful and rustic 24 acre site. In addition to these experiences, Toyota will offer attendees a preview of the future of Prius, displaying a Prius Plug-in Hybrid vehicle (PHV) and sharing a sneak peek at the highly anticipated "Prius Family" of vehicles in the United States.

Esquenazi and 20 of his closest friends and family members will be on hand to enjoy the day's festivities. Other event attendees include Toyota Prius Experts and enthusiasts from across the country, as well as Toyota Prius supporters from Prius Chat, local Prius clubs and the Toyota Prius Facebook page. All of these passionate Toyota Prius owners and affiliates will come together to fete the vehicle and its philosophy of harmony between man, nature and machine.

Featured workshop presenters include:

? Eric Lloyd Wright, American architect and grandson of the famed Frank Lloyd Wright, will speak about sustainability and architecture. Mr. Wright's focus is on the evolution of Organic Architecture and Green Building design, with a design philosophy rooted in the integration of ecology, social responsibility and beauty. In addition to being responsible for a number of restoration projects to his grandfather's buildings, Mr. Wright is also a Toyota Prius owner.

? WIRED Magazine will host a gadget lab featuring the most innovative green tech products on the market. Editors Daniel Dumas and Steven Leckart will be on hand to discuss the technologies that range from high-utility home and garden devices to personal electronics and quirky gadgets. WIRED Contributing Editor, Joshua Davis, will present on trends in the industry over the next 10 years as part of the event's sustainable lifestyle workshop series. All are proud Toyota Prius owners.

? SHFT.com ([www.shft.com](http://www.shft.com)) will help curate art, music and sustainable design products to be incorporated into the event. Co-founder Peter Glatzer will speak to the various ways in which the idea of sustainability has impacted our culture in the areas of art, music, new media, product design, architecture and food, as well as produce the gadget lab with WIRED magazine. SHFT.com is a new media platform, offering original video series, shopping and a host of resources that speak to a modern, inspirational, eco-conscious

lifestyle. Actor/activist Adrian Grenier and film producer Peter Glatzer, along with sustainability/design expert Lauren Gropper, have built a platform that uses media to streamline the myriad of sustainable choices now available and to highlight the cultural shift taking place.

? Reverb.org ([www.reverb.org](http://www.reverb.org)), a non-profit organization deeply rooted within the music and environmental communities, will work with Prius to help reduce the environmental impact of this event by integrating renewable technologies to fuel the event and engaging local environmental groups to take part in the 10 Years of Toyota Prius Anniversary Celebration. Founded in 2004 by environmentalist Lauren Sullivan and her musician husband Adam Gardner of Guster, Reverb provides greening programs for the music industry at large while conducting grassroots outreach to music fans everywhere. Reverb has recently worked with Jack Johnson, Dave Matthews Band, Sheryl Crow, Arcade Fire, Drake and many others.

? British actor and comedian Robert Llewellyn will discuss the future of transportation and sustainability. Llewellyn hosts a web series called “Carpool” in which he interviews a guest while giving them a lift in his eco-friendly Toyota Prius. The guests are often well known British television personalities such as Ruby Wax, Jonathan Ross, Professor Brian Cox, Sir Patrick Stewart, Stephen Fry, Craig Charles, David Mitchell, Jo Brand, Dame Evelyn Glennie and many more. The series will also air on the UK’s Dave TV channel in November 2010.

Musical guest for the evening is M. Ward, one of America’s most unique talents. In 2008, he was part of the duo known as She & Him, a project he began with Zooey Deschanel. Their debut album, “Volume One,” has enjoyed international success. M. Ward is also renowned for his intricate production work, having helmed not only his own releases but also Jenny Lewis’ much-lauded “Rabbit Fur Coat.” He has collaborated with some of the world’s best musicians including Cat Power, Norah Jones, Conor Oberst and Bright Eyes, Jim James of My Morning Jacket and Neko Case. A son of Southern California, he resides in Portland, Oregon and drives a Toyota Prius.

Shepard Fairey, an American contemporary artist, graphic designer, illustrator and Toyota Prius owner who emerged from the skateboarding scene, will DJ during the celebration. Shepard became more widely known during the 2008 U.S. presidential election, specifically for his Barack Obama “HOPE” poster, and is considered to be one of the most influential street artists. His work is included in collections at The Smithsonian, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. In addition to his successful graphic design career, Fairey also DJ’s at many clubs under the name DJ Diabetic and Emcee Insulin, as he has diabetes.

The evening will also include a sit down dinner hosted by Outstanding in the Field ([www.outstandinginthefield.com](http://www.outstandinginthefield.com)). Founded by chef and artist Jim Denevan in 1999, Outstanding in the Field is a roving culinary experience?literally a restaurant without walls?that creates outdoor meals from local markets. Local farmers, producers, culinary artisans and celebrated chefs from the region will help prepare the meal. Wherever the location, the consistent theme of each dinner is to honor the people whose good work brings nourishment to the table.

For more information on Toyota Prius, please visit the Toyota Prius Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/Prius](http://www.Facebook.com/Prius) or [www.Toyota.com](http://www.Toyota.com).

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