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**Frano Violich, Founding Member of KVA Matx, visits Norwich University as part of this year's Architecture + Art Lecture Series**

As part of Norwich University’s School of Architecture + Art year-long speaker series, Frano Violich will discuss his career on October 25 at 1 pm in the Chaplin Hall Gallery. The series is free and open to the public.

Frano Violich, FAIA, will speak on Friday, October 25. He is a founding principal at KVA Matx, an interdisciplinary design practice that engages material fabrication, digital technology, and the conservation of natural resources to expand the public life of buildings and cities. He has collaborated with his partner, Sheila Kennedy, on numerous projects, most recently a five-and-a-half-mile redevelopment of the Minneapolis Riverfront, an intermodal Ferry Terminal in New York City, and a net-zero housing project for the Internationale Bauaustellung’s (IBA) in Hamburg, Germany. KVA’s work has been exhibited at the New York City’s Cooper Hewitt, the Rotterdam Biennale, Vitra in Germany, and SF MoMA. 1.5 LU’s (pending)

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