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FRANCES MCDORMAND PERFORMS IN NEW LEBANON, NY AT SHAKER MUSEUM | MOUNT LEBANON'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA

(August 22, 2017) - Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon held its annual fundraising gala on

August 19 at the historic Shaker site in New Lebanon, NY. The guests of honor at the event were Academy Award winning actress Frances McDormand and members of The Wooster Group



Kate Valk and Suzzy Roche.

Frances McDormand and Suzzy Roche performing from The Wooster Group's *Early Shaker Spirituals: A Record Album Interpretation*.

Together they presented an excerpt from *Early Shaker Spirituals: A Record Album*

Interpretation, a piece first presented at The Performing Garage in New York City in 2012.

Dolores Meissner of Meissner's Auction Service in New Lebanon, NY facilitated a live auction that included handmade replicas of an 1830 candle stand in the museum's collection, a weekend getaway in Hudson, NY, and more. Silent auction items were donated by Hammertown, the Moviehouse in Millerton, NY, Country Classics in East Chatham, and other local businesses and individuals.



Rufus Jones with board member Peter Watson

Executive Director Lacy Schutz addressed the audience of more than 200 people about the core Shaker values of community, inclusion, innovation, integrity, and conviction. "A museum dedicated to the Shaker legacy works every day to preserve not just chairs and buildings, but Shaker values. The Shakers didn't just build barns and furniture. They built communities. The joinery of those communities was their value system. The best way to extend the Shaker legacy is to build communities that share those values," she said.



Annalisa Milella, Frances McDormand, and Board Chair Paul Cassidy.

The event raised nearly \$200,000 for the continuing operations and special projects of Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon. Click [here](#) to view all photos from the event.

Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon stewards the historic site in New Lebanon, New

York, which is open from June to
October and offers tours, exhibitions,
and public programs. The museum also
has a campus in Old Chatham, New
York, open year round by appointment,
where the administrative offices,



Daniel Schmeder, board member John Schobel, Chad Silver, and Colu Henry.

collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection of over 56,000

Shaker items is the most comprehensive collection of its kind in the world. Please visit

shakermml.org for more information and to find out about programming in 2017.