



SHAKER MUSEUM APPOINTS BILL KRAMER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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CHATHAM, NY, September 30, 2025 — Shaker Museum, home to the world's most significant collection of Shaker design and material culture, today announced that Bill Kramer, who serves as the CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, has been appointed to its Board of Trustees. Kramer joins the Shaker Board during a period of rapid growth and transformation for the institution. The museum is constructing its new state-of-the-art facility by Selldorf Architects in Chatham, NY, and recently welcomed a new Executive Director, Claudia Gould, who was formerly with the Jewish Museum in New York City.

Since July 2022, Kramer has been the CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the world's preeminent organization devoted to cinema. In this role, he oversees a budget of \$180 million and a team of over 700 in Los Angeles, New York, and London. He is responsible for all the Academy's global operations and programs, including the Oscars®, the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, the 52-million-item Academy Collection, film education and preservation initiatives, services for the organization's 11,000 global members, and the \$500 million Academy100 revenue diversification campaign.

Prior to his position as Academy CEO, Kramer was the Director and President of the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures—the world's largest global film museum—which he successfully opened in September 2021. In this role, Kramer oversaw all aspects of the project's management, staffing, design, curation, fundraising, and creative direction. He previously served as the museum's Managing Director of Development and External Affairs, successfully raising \$250 million to move the project into construction and managing its public approvals and planning process.

In addition, Kramer has led capital and comprehensive fundraising campaigns for the Columbia University School of the Arts and the California Institute of the Arts and has served in senior external affairs and fundraising positions at the Sundance Institute, the Rhode Island School of Design, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Kramer holds a Master of Urban Planning and Public Administration degree from New York University and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Kramer divides his time between Los Angeles and Hillsdale, NY.

"Shaker Museum is an extraordinary institution and an important steward of the history of global design and aesthetics. It's also a deeply important part of the story of the Hudson Valley and the Berkshires, where my husband, Peter, and I have a home," said Kramer. "I look forward to serving on the Board and helping to write the next chapter in this cultural institution's story—a story that is deeply relevant today and deserving of much discourse and celebration."

"I am thrilled to welcome Bill Kramer to the Shaker Museum Board of Trustees. His talent and expertise will greatly advance our mission during this critical time of growth and transformation for the museum," said Board Chair Paul Cassidy. "Bill will play an integral part in the museum's future, and we are grateful for his service."

Shaker Museum's 30,000-square-foot expansion is being designed by Selldorf Architects, recognized for their work at the Frick Collection, LUMA Arles, and the National Gallery (London). Designed to anchor downtown Chatham while echoing the Shakers' ideals, the new museum will showcase highlights from the 18,000-object permanent collection, offer public spaces for education and engagement, and serve as a hub for dialogue about design, social history, and contemporary culture.

The \$30 million project includes generous grants from Empire State Development (ESD) and the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and will position Shaker Museum as a standout in New York State's cultural landscape.

About Shaker Museum

With more than 18,000 objects, Shaker Museum stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives. Founded in 1950, the museum celebrates its 75th anniversary and several milestones this year. In April, it broke ground on its new permanent home in Chatham, NY, designed by Selldorf Architects. In May, it began relocating its library and administrative offices to 29 Jones Avenue in Chatham. In June, "The Shakers: A World in the Making," a collaborative exhibition featuring 150 pieces from Shaker Museum's collection, opened at the Vitra Design Museum in Weil am Rhein, Germany. And in August, the museum welcomed Claudia Gould as its new Executive Director. In addition to Chatham, current museum locations include collections storage in Old Chatham, NY, pop-up

exhibition space in Kinderhook, NY, and the historic Mount Lebanon Shaker Village site in New Lebanon, NY. View the museum's collection online anytime at shakermuseum.us.

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