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Bach and Country Music at Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon

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NEW LEBANON, NEW YORK Mount Lebanon Residency presents “Hearts to God; An Evening of Baroque Country Music” on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. The performance will take place in the Wash House building at Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon in New Lebanon, N.Y. All are welcome to attend.

Johann Sebastian Bach composed the cantata, “Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut” (“My Heart Swims in Blood”), BWV 199, with text for a solo soprano regarding a sinner seeking and finding redemption. The performance will begin with this early Bach cantata of carnal salvation, featuring soloist mezzo soprano Lucia della Paolera, as a small baroque ensemble guides the audience from Enlightenment to Modernity with Shaker-inspired gift songs and other traditional American country songs joined by guests from the Dougie Poole band.

The performance was conceived and organized by Mount Lebanon Residency artist-in-residence Francesca Caruso. A small reception following the program will celebrate the harvest season with local cider and refreshments from the Abode farm.

Mount Lebanon Residency is a small artist-residency based in New Lebanon, working in collaboration with the Abode Farm. The residency places a special interest in artists who focus broadly in communalism, nature, history and spirituality and seek to support works that pursue place-based research and experiments. Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon is hosting the 2019 residents and programming throughout the summer and fall.

“We are so grateful to be at the museum this year,” said Sarah Steadman, director of the Mount Lebanon Residency. “With access to the Shaker archives through our partnership with Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon, artists have had an incredible chance to engage deeply with the Shaker legacy. The landscape and architecture of the Shaker Museum site is an incomparable setting for creative work. It provides the perfect bridge between the past and present, making the Shakers’ commitment to community and hard work, more pressing and pertinent to our residents today.” For information on the residency program, visit <https://mtlebanonresidency.org/>

Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon is dedicated to preserving the history of the Shakers, including their furniture and architecture as well as their values of inclusion, innovation, integrity, and conviction. It stewards the historic site in New Lebanon, New York, which is open year-round for programs seasonally. The museum also has a campus in Old Chatham, New York, open year-round by appointment, where the administrative



Douglas Poole band. Photo credit: CB Kidd



Mezzo soprano Lucia della Paolera, with baroque ensemble. Photo credit: Charles Swank

offices, collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection of over 16,000 Shaker items is the most comprehensive collection of its kind in the world and may be viewed online at www.shakerml.org.