



FESTIVAL ELECTS PATRICIA G. MORRILL PRESIDENT

August 24, 2026 — Mount Desert, Maine — At its annual meeting, the Board of Directors of the **Mt. Desert Festival of Chamber Music** elected **Patricia G. Morrill**, of Seal Harbor, Maine, and New York City, as President. One of Mount Desert Island's premier cultural institutions, the Festival has been presenting outstanding chamber music at The Neighborhood House in Northeast Harbor for 63 years.

Morrill succeeds **Ellen S. Shafer**, of Northeast Harbor and Washington, D.C. Shafer has served as President since 2020, and her husband, **Robert L. Shafer**, served as President from 2007 to 2016. Together, the Shafers have provided nearly two decades of outstanding leadership to the Festival.

Morrill brings extensive experience in finance, business management and nonprofit leadership to the position. She founded and led **Morrill Associates**, an executive search firm specializing in financial services and investment banking, for more than 30 years. Earlier in her career, she held positions in investment banking and finance at Citibank, First Boston and Prudential Insurance.

Her nonprofit experience includes leadership positions with numerous organizations in New York, and she previously served as Treasurer of the Festival. Morrill received an MBA from Columbia Business School and a BA from Wellesley College.

The Festival concluded its 63rd season on August 18 following a five-concert series. The final two performances were sold out, capping a season that featured distinguished chamber ensembles and Grammy Award-winning musicians.

"This past season demonstrated the strength of the Festival, with extraordinary performances by internationally recognized chamber musicians, new subscribers and record ticket sales," Morrill said. "Our mission is to build on that momentum and carry this remarkable 63-year tradition well into the future."

The Board also re-elected **Oliver Evans** as Vice President and **Mark Hansen** as Secretary and elected **Eric Meyers** as Treasurer.

Music Director **Todd Crow** is planning the Festival's 2027 concert series, with several performers already announced. Read more at mtdesertfestival.org. The Festival is a registered charitable organization.

Picture: Ellen Shafer (center) receives a gift musical watch from Pat Morrill (right), Hornor Davis, board member, looks on. Aug. 21, 2026,



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