Downtown
At the
Hoedown

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A fter seeing so many
themes in a show, I
always think of a party. So
when the Art Production Fund, a nonprofit public art
organization, gave an urban
hoedown on Monday, guests had their outfits
ready. While the setting was located
in New York City, the vibe was reminiscent
of the Wild West.

As one of the sponsors, the Art Production Fund
brought together a group of artists, collectors,
and art lovers to celebrate the opening of
the exhibition "Art Production Fund: A
Survey of Work, 1984-2012." The event
was held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art,
which is also the venue for the exhibition.

The party was hosted by several of the
Art Production Fund's board members,
including Susan Srestrial, the chairwoman;
Mark Podolsky, the executive director;
and Mark Schlesinger, the co-chairman.

Guests included celebrities such as
Meryl Streep, who arrived in a cowboy
hat and boots; Sting, who performed
a medley of his hits; and musician
Kenny G, who played his saxophone.

The party featured live music by
the band "The Wild West," which
included guitar, bass, drums,
and a fiddle player.

In addition to the music,
there were food stations
set up throughout the
venue. Guests could
enjoy barbeque ribs,
chicken, and corn on
the cob. A spread of
chips, salsa, and
cilantro was also
available.

Guests were encouraged
to dress up in Western
attire, and many did,
including Meryl Streep,
who arrived in a cowboy
hat and boots.

The event was a
sold-out success,
with guests enjoying
the music, food,
and camaraderie
that come with
such occasions.