

**PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**J. F. Smith & Associates'  
President Elected VP of Settlement Music School Board**

FORT WASHINGTON, PA, June 15, 2010 – J.F. Smith & Associates announced today that Joel F. Smith, President & CEO, was elected Vice President of the Board of Settlement Music School, Kardon Northeast Branch for a 3-year term. Other newly elected officers include, Benjamin Gerson, President and Thomas Showler, Treasurer. The election was held at the School's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia at the Queen Street Branch on June 9, 2010.

Smith who grew up in the Mayfair Section of Philadelphia said, "It is a great experience for me to return to my old neighborhood and be part of this wonderful 102 year old institution. With local schools reducing or eliminating arts programs, it is important that we provide ample opportunities for our kids to express themselves constructively and learn. I am thrilled to play a small role in that effort."

Settlement Music School is the largest community school of the arts in the United States. With six locations in South, West and Northeast Philadelphia, Germantown, Jenkintown and Camden, New Jersey, the School serves more than 15,000 students each year and awards more than \$2 million annually in financial aid and scholarships.

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