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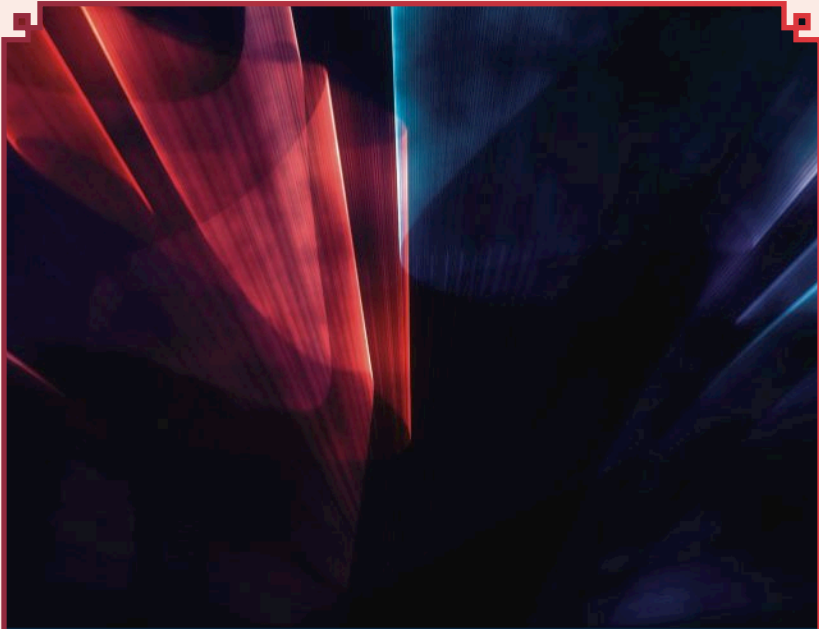
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DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to Settlement Music School's **118th Anniversary Gala!** We are so grateful to **SHINE** together with you as we honor all that is Settlement.

Thank you to our incredible **Gala Committee** for their vision and hard work in bringing this evening to life. And congratulations to our honoree, **Bruce Rosenfield**, whose dedication to the School and its future is truly inspiring.

For 118 years, Settlement has been a cornerstone of Philadelphia's cultural life, shaping generations of students and the city's artistic landscape. Each year, more than **\$3 million in financial aid supports over 60% of Settlement's students**, empowering them to shine brightly through performance, community, and connection.

It is a great honor to serve as co-chairs of this year's Gala. As both our families immigrated to the U.S. and settled in the Philadelphia area around the time of the School's founding, we especially value the openness and support that Settlement continues to provide for all people across our region.

Jim, who began his career as a professional musician, has long admired Settlement's impact on the city's arts scene. And while Deborah is not a musician, she ensured music was an important part of our sons' childhood. This year, we gave our four-year-old grandson his first guitar so he can start his own lessons. We are especially impressed with Settlement's commitment to making music education accessible to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

Tonight is both a celebration of all that makes Settlement **SHINE** and an opportunity to sustain that legacy. We invite you to give generously, remembering why we are here tonight. Every dollar raised supports financial aid, ensuring that Settlement remains a creative home to all who need it.

On behalf of ourselves and the Gala Committee, **thank you for joining us.**
Let's raise a toast to helping Settlement shine — now and into the future.

JIM & DEBORAH RIESENBACH

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ABOUT OUR HONOREE

BRUCE ROSENFELD

This year, we are proud to honor **Bruce Rosenfield**, pro bono Counsel for Settlement, whose unwavering integrity has guided his remarkable four decades of service to the School. Professionally, he is a highly respected attorney with Dilworth Paxson's Trusts and Estates department, recognized in **The Best Lawyers in America**® for his expertise in Trusts & Estates and Tax Law, and as a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" for Estate Planning & Probate. He served as Executive Director of the Oberkottter Foundation for over 20 years and remains one of its Trustees, and has served as a Director of the Haverford Trust Company for over 30 years. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a peer-elected organization.



Bruce's connection to Settlement is personal: all three of his children participated in programs at our School. From service on our Campaign (co-founder of Settlement's deferred giving society, which he named the **Cadenza Society** to allow its members to sparkle), Investment, and Finance committees, Bruce has irrevocably shaped our impact and sustained our legacy. Quietly and humbly, he guides others to invest in the future of community arts — helping ensure our legacy continues. We are thrilled to celebrate him.



SPOTLIGHT ON CADENZA SOCIETY

Just as Bruce Rosenfield's vision and generosity have shaped so much of Settlement's present, they have also helped inspire a way to secure its future. As co-founder of the **Cadenza Society**, Bruce understands the power of a lasting gift — one that resonates well beyond a single moment.

A **cadenza** is a solo musical passage that occurs at the end of a concerto. It is a gift from a composer to the artist, one that allows the artist the freedom to explore, express themselves, and showcase their full potential.

The Cadenza Society reflects that same spirit: It celebrates those who have chosen to remember Settlement in their estate plans, creating space for the School to grow, evolve, and realize its fullest potential in the years ahead.

Members of the Cadenza Society make a profound, forward-looking commitment that ensures Settlement can continue to provide transformative arts education to all who seek it. Through wills, life insurance, or other deferred gifts, their generosity not only supports the School's long-term stability, it also sets a powerful example of care, foresight, and belief in what is possible.

We are deeply grateful to the growing community of Cadenza Society members, whose enduring support carries Settlement's mission into the future. In doing so, they remind us that the most meaningful gifts are not only those that shape the present, but those that make room for what comes next.

For more information, contact Chief Advancement Officer Amelia Schmertz at **215-320-2682** or amelia.schmertz@settlementmusic.org.

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MENU

FIRST COURSE

Cescaphe Wedge

Lettuce, chopped bacon, grape tomatoes, red onion
with a grilled baguette & ranch dressing

ENTRÉE

Braised Beef Short Ribs & Cescaphe Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

Succulent boneless beef short ribs slow roasted in a red wine reduction
accompanied by a signature crab cake topped with remoulade

DESSERT & COFFEE

Viennese Station

WINE

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PERFORMERS

COCKTAIL HOUR

Helen K. Schwartz Advanced Study Jazz Ensemble

Gabriella Andrade, saxophone

Karim Jones, saxophone

Zachary Riggio, bass

Julian Lee, vibraphone

JD Esters, piano

Biko Esters, drums

Coached by Tony Miceli

Elliot Anderson, violin

Student of Juliette Kang

Peilin Chen, guitar

Student of Alan Ens

Klara Hartwell, flute

Student of Tom Meany

DINNER

Gray Charitable Trust Advanced Study Piano Trio

Jeremy Wong, piano

Isabella Munoz, violin

Noah Dharmawirya, cello

Coached by Mitchell Newman

Karim Jones, saxophone

Student of Mervin Toussaint

Accompanied by Micah Jones & Mervin Toussaint

DANCING

Jack Faulkner Orchestra

YESTERDAY

Our story started in **1908**, when two young women reached out to the Settlement House located at the corner of 5th Street & Christian, wanting to know how they could help Philadelphia's immigrant families. The answer? Piano lessons for a nickel. Fresh out of Bryn Mawr College, at only 22, **Jeanette Selig Frank** and **Blanche Wolf Kohn** set the stage for over a century of service to the community through unlimited access to creative arts education, changing hundreds of thousands of lives in the process.

Soon, members of the newly formed Philadelphia Orchestra, many of them immigrants themselves, joined Blanche and Jeanette and the instrumental program grew. By **1914**, Settlement was officially incorporated as an independent community school of the arts, and in **1917**, a generous gift from **Mary Louise Curtis Bok** built Settlement a permanent home on Queen Street and helped expand its programming even further. By **1924**, Settlement's Conservatory Division offered pre-professional training that was of sufficient stature to launch the **Curtis Institute of Music**.

From its origins in South Philadelphia, Settlement expanded to cultivate deep roots in many of the city's unique and diverse neighborhoods, becoming an inextricable thread in the rich tapestry of this city. Throughout the **1940s** and **1950s**, Settlement experimented in remote satellite and branch locations, and by **1960** had established the Germantown and Northeast (later the **Benoliel-Germantown** and **Kardon-Northeast**) branches.

In the **1970s**, Settlement undertook an ambitious program of education and therapy in music and dance for children and adults with diverse needs, and in the **mid-1980s** incorporated the Kardon Institute as a separate, allied institution. The Institute later spun off into an independent organization and, upon its closing in **2014**, Settlement reincorporated it and launched the **Kardon Center for Creative Arts Therapy**.

In the late **1980s**, Settlement merged with the Jenkintown Music School to create a fourth branch, which moved to a purpose-built facility in **2011** to become the **Willow Grove Branch**, and founded a fifth branch in the **Wynnefield** neighborhood of West Philadelphia.

In **2020**, Settlement launched **Settlement Music Online**, which continues to welcome students from across the country and provide even greater accessibility to our high-quality creative arts education.

With the continuing commitment of our students, faculty, families, and friends, we can't wait to see what is in store for **tomorrow!**

TODAY

\$3 MILLION in financial aid awarded annually to 60% of students

350,000+ alumni

10,000+ weekly services taught to students aged 6 months-99 years

170+ degreed faculty and licensed creative arts therapists

150+ free performances every year

70+ partnerships in our communities

5 community branches and **1** online branch

1 incredible Settlement community

Each of our branches provides weekday and Saturday **individual and group instruction** in all instruments, voice, theory, early childhood music, and dance.

The **Kaleidoscope Preschool Arts Enrichment Program** provides children of low-income families with an innovative education featuring daily instruction in art, music, and dance.

Through the **Advanced Study** program, teens interested in pursuing pre-professional training receive coaching, performance experience, and a substantial scholarship for individual study with a senior faculty member.

Settlement's **Adult Chamber Players** program, for ages 40-99, occurs at three of our branches twice a month, and participants are placed in different chamber ensembles every week to play through a wide range of repertoire.

The **Kardon Center for Arts Therapy** supports those with cognitive, emotional, or mental health impairments, using music, movement, and visual arts to help them with everyday challenges and long-term therapeutic goals.

Settlement runs an extensive variety of programs off-site through **70+ community partnerships** with schools, day cares, elder care and healthcare facilities, and social service agencies.

Music Education Pathways is our intensive after-school ensembles program that provides band, orchestra, choir, and drumline to historically underserved youth at 10 under-resourced Philadelphia public schools.

The **Philadelphia Music Alliance for Youth (PMAY) Artists' Initiative** supports young artists from underrepresented communities on their paths to becoming professional classical musicians.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW US?

Test your Settlement smarts! (Answers on page 102)

- 1. In what year was Settlement Music School founded?**
a. 1898 b. 1908 c. 1912 d. 1925
- 2. Settlement was founded to serve which community?**
a. Immigrants b. Veterans c. Teachers d. Clergy
- 3. In 1924, Settlement's Conservatory Division spun off into which renowned Philadelphia institution?**
a. Academy of Music b. Curtis Institute c. Philadelphia Chamber Music Society
d. The Philadelphia Orchestra
- 4. How many Settlement branches are there today?**
a. Three b. Five c. Six d. Nine
- 5. How many lessons, classes, art therapy sessions, and other services does Settlement provide each week?**
a. 500+ b. 1,500+ c. 10,000+ d. 1,000,000+
- 6. What percentage of our students benefit from the \$3 million+ in financial aid we provide every year?**
a. 33% b. 45% c. 50% d. 60%
- 7. How many Philadelphia public schools have bands, choirs, drumlines, or orchestras made possible by our Music Education Pathways program?**
a. Five b. Seven c. Ten d. All of them
- 8. Which of the following is NOT a modality used in our Kardon Center for Arts Therapy to benefit clients with diverse needs?**
a. Dance/Movement b. Glassblowing c. Music d. Visual Arts
- 9. How much scholarship and aid dollars were offered to last year's graduates of our college access program, in total?**
a. \$4 million b. \$1 million c. \$500,000 d. \$250,000
- 10. What is the key belief of Settlement's mission?**
a. Arts are a luxury b. Talent is everything c. Excellence requires exclusivity
d. Creative arts education should be accessible to ALL!

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We hope you will join us at the Benoliel-Germantown Branch on Saturday, **April 18**, at 7 p.m. for the **2026 Annual Concert!** It will be a joyful celebration featuring performers of all ages and a vibrant mix of instruments that reflect the full breadth of what Settlement has to offer — the perfect capstone to a wonderful school year.

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June 10 at 7 p.m.

Certification Recital

May 16 at 10 a.m.

Ballet Recital

June 6 at 11 a.m.

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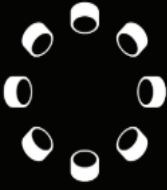
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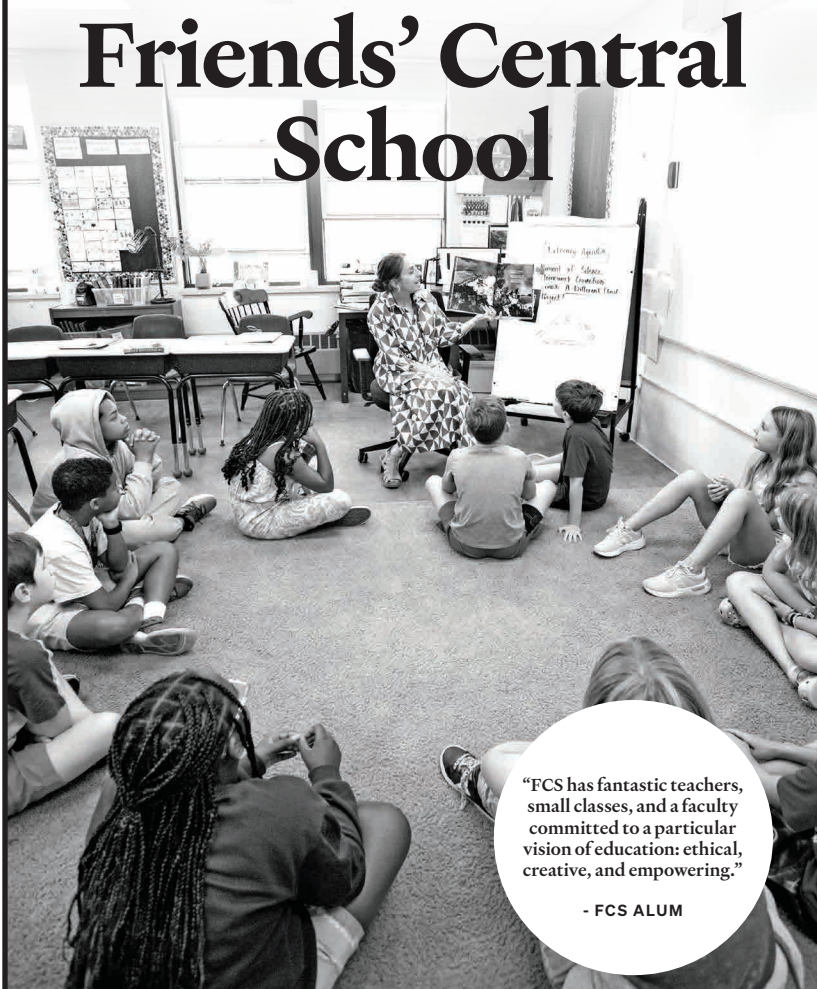


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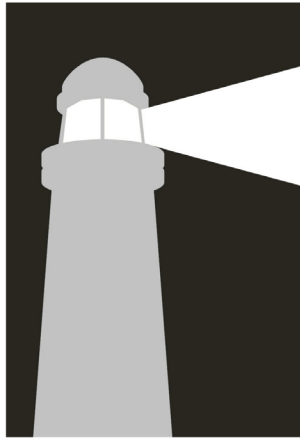
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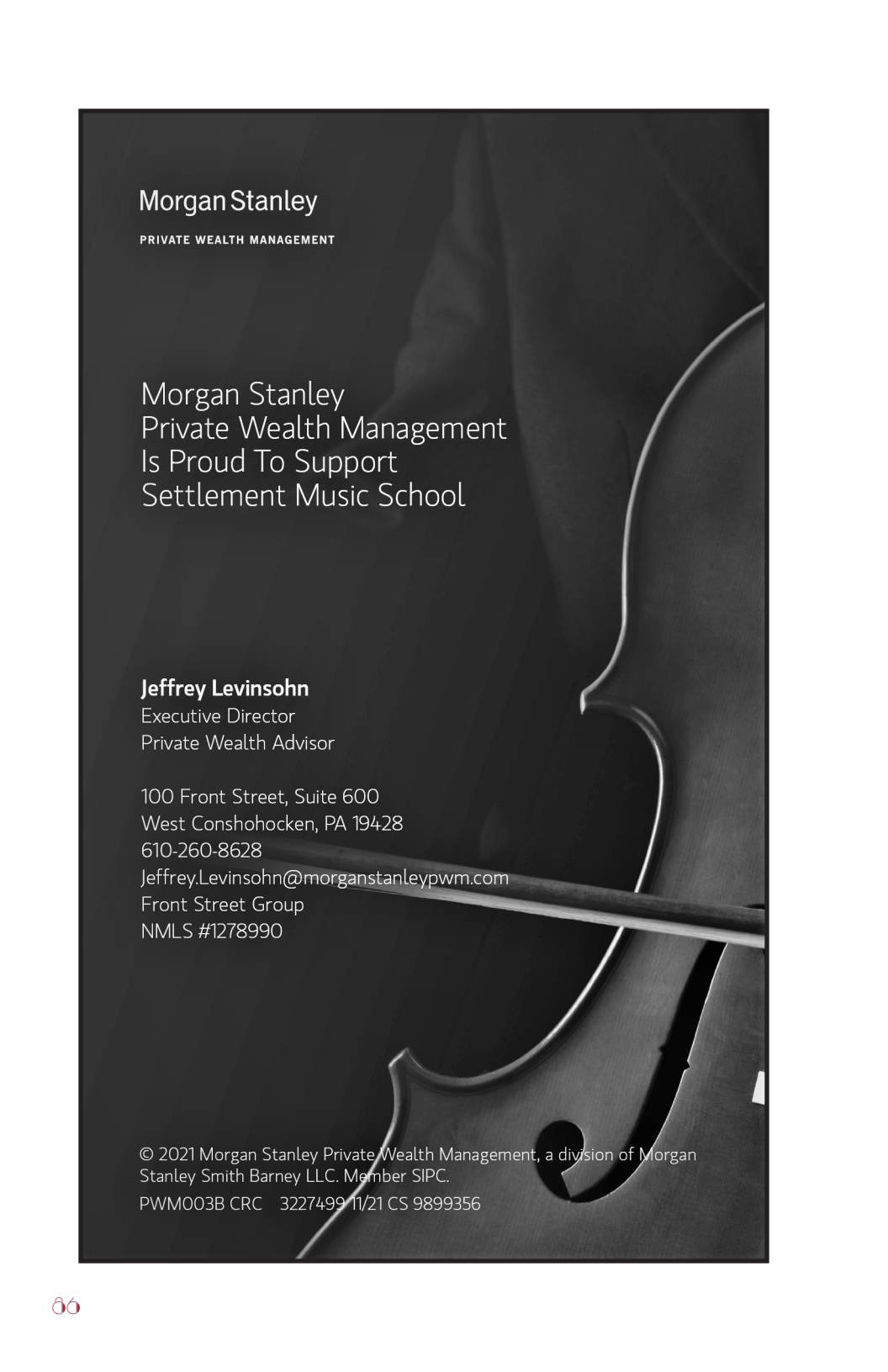


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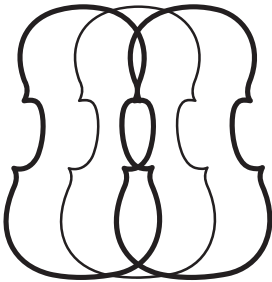


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6. What percentage of our students benefit from the \$3 million+ in financial aid we provide every year? **d. 60%**
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