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The Music Settlement Hires Annie Schwarz as VP for Institutional Advancement

CLEVELAND -March 7, 2018- The Music Settlement (TMS) has hired Anne-Marie (Annie) Schwarz as its VP for Institutional Advancement, effective February 26, 2018.

"The TMS Board of Directors and I unequivocally agree that Annie's longstanding development background, professional accomplishments, and strong leadership skills made her the standout for this position," said Geri Presti, President and CEO of The Music Settlement.

Mrs. Schwarz is responsible for The Music Settlement's overall advancement programs.

"I am looking forward to working with Geri, the Board, faculty and The Music Settlement's community of students and families. Everyone's energy, passion, and enthusiasm for serving our community with music and arts programming is truly inspiring," Mrs. Schwarz said.

Mrs. Schwarz comes to The Music Settlement with nearly 15 years of development and marketing and communications experience, mainly in the non-profit sector. She has excelled in several positions, each with increasing scope and responsibility, within the Development & Public Affairs department at Case Western Reserve University's School of Law, advancing several times during her almost nine-year tenure with CWRU.

Before accepting her role at The Music Settlement, she served as Senior Director of Development & Public Affairs, where she was responsible for developing and managing a comprehensive giving program, including individual major, planned, and special gifts, as well as event and program sponsorship to the CWRU School of Law as part of a \$42M capital campaign.

Prior to joining the CWRU School of Law, Mrs. Schwarz served in several marketing and sales positions as the director of marketing and communications for the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers' Association (GCADA), manager of marketing and communications for the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission (GCSC), and account executive for IMG (International Management Group).

A graduate of John Carroll University with a Bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Business Administration, Mrs. Schwarz comes from a large family of native Clevelanders, all of whom are avid fans of Cleveland sports teams. She lives in South Euclid with her husband, Adam, and two young children who both have a love for music.

About The Music Settlement

Founded in 1912 by Almeda Adams as The Cleveland Music School Settlement, The Music Settlement is one of the nation's oldest community schools of music. Providing early childhood education since 1955 and music therapy since 1966, The Music Settlement remains on the forefront of music-based initiatives that advance human potential. Its programs reach students from birth through retirement and beyond. The Music Settlement is generously funded by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council. In 2014, the Settlement opened the BOP STOP nightclub at 2920 Detroit Ave. in Ohio City, after its donation to the organization in late 2013. In 2016, TMS won its second consecutive Cleveland Magazine "Best Music Instruction" award. The organization is currently building a new campus in Ohio City, which will open in Fall 2018. Its online properties include www.TheMusicSettlement.org, facebook.com/TheMusicSettlement, twitter.com/musicsettlement, and Instagram.com/themusicsettlement. Classes and programs can be sorted by age group at www.TheMusicSettlement.org/all.

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