



The Music Settlement

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Statement to the Community

The intense upheaval in our nation has brought into focus the unique struggles of African Americans. With the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor we are reminded of the countless unseen acts and decisions that have either ended the lives or crushed the dreams of generations of people who descended from enslaved Africans. The Music School Settlement acknowledges the systemic racism that exists in our communities and recognizes that the arts are a critical means of expressing pain and experiencing healing. We stand with the African American Community in asserting the value of their lives. We stand against racism, hatred and inequality as we pledge to continue our mission of inclusion, reaching out to nurture artistic expression opportunities for everyone in Greater Cleveland. We are committed to listening and learning how we can be an organization that better promotes and celebrates equity and diversity and works towards a more just society.