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New Philadelphia Music Project Director Named

Composer and musician Matthew Levy has been named new program director of the Philadelphia Music Project (PMP). Funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts and administered by Settlement Music School, PMP awards over \$800,000 in project and professional development grants to nonprofit music organizations based in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties each year.

Mr. Levy comes to the PMP with an extensive background in music and arts administration. He holds three degrees from the University of Michigan, where he received the Lawrence Teal Award and was named a James B. Angell Scholar. A former Settlement faculty member, Mr. Levy is a current and founding member of the PRISM Saxophone Quartet, an award-winning, critically-acclaimed ensemble that performs worldwide. He has been actively involved in fundraising and marketing on behalf of PRISM and has successfully directed the ensemble's commissioning, recording and residency programs. As a composer, Mr. Levy has written extensively for PRISM, scored three films, and has composed works for musical settings encompassing orchestral, choral, musical theater, dance, jazz, and electronic genres.

"Since PMP was initiated by The Pew Charitable Trusts in 1989, it has contributed greatly to the area's music communities, fostering creativity, innovation, and artistic excellence," says Mr. Levy. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead this effort and look forward to working closely with organizations throughout the region."

The Pew Charitable Trusts support nonprofit activities in the areas of culture, education, the environment, health and human services, public policy and religion. Based in Philadelphia, the Trusts make strategic investments to help organizations and citizens develop practical solutions to difficult problems. In 1999, with approximately \$4.9 billion in assets, the Trusts committed over \$250 million to 206 nonprofit organizations.

Founded in 1908, Settlement Music School is the largest community school of the arts in the nation. At six locations throughout the Delaware Valley area, the school provides more than 7,000 students with quality music, voice and dance instruction regardless of their age, background or ability to pay.

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