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***The Empire Strikes Back* Film Director Irvin Kershner recalls  
nervous time when Albert Einstein  
watched his student recital from front row**

*These and other stories about Philadelphia's Settlement Music School come to light as  
14 more recipients of the "Settlement 100" distinction are honored  
Saturday, April 22, 7pm at Crystal Tea Room,  
in historic Wanamaker Building, Philadelphia.*

**Other recipients include The Tonight Show Band Leader Kevin Eubanks;  
Pulitzer Prize winning Journalist Acel Moore;  
celebrated pianist Leon Bates and Broadway singer Badiene Magaziner**

Philadelphia, PA – The largest community school of the arts in the United States which has taught thousands of students since 1908, today announced the next group of "Settlement 100," a roster of 100 eclectic, diverse and unexpected individuals who have gone on to interesting careers, lifestyles or have a story about how their experiences at Settlement Music School shaped their lives. The announcement of these people brings the total to 20 so far. The rest will be announced in groups every spring from now until 2008 when all 100 recipients will be honored in a yearlong celebration of the School's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The winners for the Spring 2006 include:

**Dennis Alter**, former high school teacher, now CEO of Advanta, one of the nation's largest issuers of credit cards. Alter studied clarinet at Settlement Music School.

**Leon Bates**, celebrated pianist and amateur body builder who began his piano studies at age 12 at Settlement Music School. He will attend April 22 Gala.

**John Blake, Jr.**, jazz violinist, author, South Philadelphia native who played alongside Duke Ellington and Grover Washington, Jr. He began his violin studies at Settlement.

**Jules Eskin**, principal cellist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra started his training at Settlement Music School.

**Kevin Eubanks**, The Tonight Show Band leader whose brothers also are musicians and whose mother still lives in Philadelphia. Kevin played violin, trumpet, and piano at Settlement. He will attend Gala "virtually."

**Joseph Field**, founder of radio empire Entercom studied violin as a youngster and now is a member of the School's Adult Chamber Players. He will attend Gala

**Irvin Kershner**, film director of Episode 5 of the Star Wars trilogy, The Empire Strikes Back, studied violin, viola and composition at Settlement Music School. He just returned

from India scouting for a new movie. Albert Einstein was a member of the board of directors when he was a student. He will attend Gala

**Judith LeClair**, principal bassoonist for the New York Philharmonic, was a member of Settlement Music School's advanced study woodwind ensemble.

**Jerome Lowenthal**, celebrated pianist who made his Philadelphia Orchestra debut at age 13 under the direction of Leopold Stokowski and now teaches at The Julliard School and still tours at age 72. He started his musical journey At Settlement. He will attend Gala.

**Badiene Magaziner**, acclaimed soprano, opera star and vocal coach, who splits her time between Cherry Hill, NJ and New York City finding the next "American Idol." She started her vocal studies at Settlement Music School. She will attend Gala.

**Diane Monroe**, classical and jazz violinist and original member of the Uptown String Quartet and who still lives in Philadelphia started piano lessons at Settlement Music School. She will attend Gala.

**Acel Moore**, Associate Editor Emeritus of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Pulitzer Prize winner for Journalism, studied trumpet at Settlement Music School. He will attend Gala.

**Laurie Wagman**, Founder of American Theatre Arts for Youth was a voice and piano student at Settlement Music School. She will attend Gala

**John White, Jr.**, former Philadelphia City Councilman and Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare studied French Horn at the School. He will attend Gala

These 14 join the first honorary recipients (Albert Einstein, Mario Lanza, Leota Palmer, Frank Rizzo and The School's founding mothers Blanche Wolf Kohn and Jeanette Selig Frank) who were announced this past November by Executive Director Robert Capanna at a press conference at City Hall when the effort, in anticipation of the School's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2008, was officially launched.

The Settlement 100 is not limited to those who have achieved professional fame. It was designed as an effort to show how Settlement has affected many different lives in many different ways. Anyone with a story of how Settlement Music School has touched their lives are encouraged to visit their web site at [www.settlement100.com](http://www.settlement100.com) and tell where Settlement Music School has taken them.

The Settlement 100 effort is led by a Steering Committee of volunteers as well as a distinguished selection panel. Members of the Selection Panel who selected the recipients are: The Honorable Marjorie Rendell, First Lady of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; Jack Drosdick, CEO, Sunoco; Robert Hall, Former publisher, Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News; Eileen Heisman, President and CEO of National Philanthropic Trust; Larry Magid,

Founder, Electric Factory Concerts, First Lady of Philadelphia Naomi Street and Ralph Wellington, CEO and Chairman, Schnader, Harrison, Segal and Lewis.

The graphic design team at Siemens Medical Solutions in Malvern, PA - one of the largest providers of medical technology in the world, designed the awards that will be given to the honorees at the Gala on April 22. They have been assisting the Settlement 100 effort since it began last November.

Nationally recognized Settlement Music School is the largest community school of the arts in the US. With 6 locations in South, West and Northeast Philadelphia, Germantown, Jenkintown and Camden, NJ, the School annually serves more than 15,000 students of all abilities without regard to age, race or financial circumstances, and awards more than \$1.8 million annually in financial aid. Settlement is dedicated to its mission of providing all children and adults with the highest quality instruction and activity in music and related arts. The School will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. Additional information is available at [www.smsmusic.org](http://www.smsmusic.org) or by calling 215.320.2600.