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Free Lecture, "Hitting the Right Notes" to feature physician, flutist and fine arts photographer Andrea Baldeck

Philadelphia, PA -- Published photographer, physician and flutist Andrea M. Baldeck will explore the shared vocabulary of black and white photography and music at Settlement Music School's Free Lecture hosted by the Adult Chamber Players Program on **Wednesday, May 28, 2008 11:00am at the School's Mary Louise Curtis branch, Field Hall, 416 Queen Street** in the Queen Village section of South Philadelphia, Free, on-site parking is available. To RSVP, **call 215-320-2684**.

The topic will include a discussion about the parallels between making music and black-and-white photographs, emphasizing similarities in vocabulary shared by both. Contrast, dynamics, tone color, clarity of line, counterpoint and harmony are elements of composition in all the arts. Whether the result is meant for the ear or the eye, the creative aim is to touch the soul. To achieve this end, the artist spends a lot of time practicing technique in order to convey a larger message with dexterity and feeling. Perhaps this can be succinctly and colloquially expressed as "hitting the right notes."

Baldeck's interest in photography pervaded years of musical study at Vassar, medical school at the University of Pennsylvania, and practice as an internist and anesthesiologist. On medical trips to Haiti and Grenada, camera and stethoscope occupied the same bag. In the early 1990's she left the operating room for the darkroom, to work as a fine-art photographer in black and white. Since 1996 she has exhibited widely in the United States and abroad, and her images are found in museums and private collections. Baldeck is a member of Settlement Music School's Central Board of Trustees.

Settlement Music School, founded in 1908, is the largest community-based school of the arts in the USA. At six branches in South, West and Northeast Philadelphia, Germantown, Jenkintown and Camden, NJ, it provides people of all abilities, age, race and financial means with programs in music and dance to help them achieve their greatest potential. Close to 300,000 students have attended Settlement since 1908. It is the largest employer of musicians in the region, with 325 dedicated faculty members, most of whom have advanced degrees. The School serves about 15,000 students annually and awards nearly \$2 million a year in financial aid.

For more information about the Adult Chamber Players Program, contact Marka Kasker-Simmons at 215.320.2600 x2698 or adultchamberplayers@smsmusic.org, or visit www.smsmusic.org.