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to honor the **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra,**
Robert Bass (in memoriam), the Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust,
and viola alumnus Masumi Per Rostad of the Pacifica Quartet at its

— 114th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON —

New York City, October 20, 2008 -- Third Street Music School Settlement, the nation's oldest community music school, will host its 114th Anniversary Luncheon on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of The Pierre Hotel in Manhattan. The annual fund-raising event serves as the occasion for Third Street to honor extraordinary artists and supporters of the arts.

The acclaimed **ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** will receive the Award for Distinguished Achievement in the Arts. Longtime music director and conductor of the Collegiate Chorale **ROBERT BASS**, who died this summer, will be honored in memoriam with the Award for Distinguished Leadership in the Arts. The **MARY FLAGLER CARY CHARITABLE TRUST**, a longtime and generous supporter of the School, will receive the Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts. Last but not least, Third Street is proud to honor its own alumnus, violist **MASUMI PER ROSTAD**, with its second Rising Star Award. Mr. Rostad, who went on to earn Bachelor and Master degrees at The Juilliard School, is a member of the Pacifica Quartet, one of today's most exciting young chamber ensembles.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies for the third year in a row is television news anchor **JIM WATKINS** of the Emmy award-winning CW11 News at 10. Co-chairs of the Luncheon are Randi and Fred Filoon, and Yukiko and James Gatheral. Mr. Filoon and Mrs. Gatheral serve on Third Street's Board of Directors.

Brief performances by some of Third Street's most motivated music students of all levels, ages 4 to 18, are always a highlight of the event. This year, a group of string students will have the thrilling experience of performing in an ensemble with members of Orpheus and Mr. Rostad.

Tables of ten are \$15,000, \$10,000, \$7,500 and \$5,000; four tickets are \$2,000 and \$1,400; and individual tickets are \$500, \$350 and, for those age 35 & under, \$200. Tickets may be purchased through Susan Bell Special Events, 212-874-5457. Proceeds from the Luncheon will benefit Third Street's students in need. Nearly 75 percent of all youth served benefit from need-based financial aid, merit-based scholarships and/or program subsidies.

The Society of the Third Street Music School Settlement, Inc. is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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