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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARTS IN HEALTHCARE APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER

Washington, D.C., June 19, 2009 – The Society for the Arts in Healthcare, a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to advancing the arts as integral to healthcare, today announced the appointment of Xueli Tan, MM, MT-BC, Research and Clinical music therapist of The Music Settlement to its Board of Directors. Ms. Tan was also appointed to the Research Committee as co-chair.

Ms. Tan is a board-certified research/clinical music therapist with The Music Settlement. She is currently involved in collaborative research work with the Burn Intensive Care Unit at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Her primary research focuses on measurable outcomes of music therapy interventions on pain and anxiety management in burn patients, the effects of music in modulating the intensive care environment, and the efficacy of music therapy interventions for families of adults with major burns. She has presented the results of her research to both music therapy and medical professionals nationally and internationally. Her most recent international engagements included papers presented at the 14th Congress of the International Society for Burn Injuries in Montreal, Canada and the 12th World Congress for Music Therapy in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 2006, she was awarded the most prestigious award, the Arthur Flagler Fultz Research Award, given by the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) for one of her research studies. In 2008, she was honored as a recipient of the Blair L. Sadler International Healing Arts Award through the Society for Arts in Healthcare. Her current clinical work with The Music Settlement entails providing music therapy sessions to individuals with developmental disabilities, down syndrome, psychiatric disorders, and medical rehabilitation and recovery. Outside of her clinical and medical research work, Ms. Tan is also involved in collaborative work with international music therapists to develop seminars designed to enhance the success of international music therapy students and professionals in the United States. She has co-authored a book chapter related to music therapy in adult medical intensive care unit for AMTA's Medical Music Therapy Monograph (in press). Her research has been cited in a recently published music therapy textbook, *An Introduction to Music Therapy: Theory and Practice*. Her upcoming peer-review journal publications will include topics in music therapy and burn care, psychophysical parameters of relaxation music, cross-cultural perceptions of emotions in music, and cultural, language, social, and legal issues of international music therapy students.

“We are very pleased to have Xueli Tan join our Board of Directors,” said Anita Boles, Executive Director of the Society for the Arts in Healthcare. “Her insight and expertise in music therapy and research will greatly benefit the Society and advance our efforts to make the arts available to patients, families and caregivers to enrich the healthcare experience.”

The Board of Directors of the Society for the Arts in Healthcare is comprised of 23 members and represents a broad range of expertise, including nonprofit management and healthcare administration, the arts, academia, various medical and healthcare professions, public relations and development.

“I am most honored to be the recipient of this dual appointment to the Board of Directors and co-chair of the Research Committee. I am dedicated to the Society’s mission to advance the arts in healthcare settings,” said Xueli Tan.

Ms. Tan received her Bachelor and Master of Music in Music Therapy from the Frost School of Music, University of Miami. Her involvement in music is varied with many different roles as a music therapist, music educator and performer. In music therapy, her previous appointments included clinical music therapy services with gynecology/oncology patients, psychiatric patients, at-risk youths and adults in long-term rehabilitation care. She was a high school band director and frequently sought after as a brass/French horn coach in Singapore. As a French horn player, she was a member of the Singapore Lyric Theatre Opera Orchestra from 1998 to 2000. For the past 28 years, Ms. Tan had performed with orchestras and bands internationally in Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Bahamas and the United States.

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About the Society for the Arts in Healthcare

The Society for the Arts in Healthcare is a non-profit 501c3 international organization based in Washington, DC. Founded in 1991, it is dedicated to advancing the arts as integral to healthcare. Funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and Johnson & Johnson, the Society provides program development support through grants, consultant services and the convening of conferences and symposia to a wide range of arts and healthcare institutions. Over 1,700 Society for the Arts in Healthcare members, including artists and healthcare professionals, serve patients and their families in 14 countries around the world.