

Inspired by Bop Stop, Music Settlement to expand its West Side presence

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In December, the Music Settlement's trustees approved a plan to establish a second campus for the 103-year-old music school in the Hingetown neighborhood on Cleveland's near-West Side.

The University Circle institution had already established a presence across the Cuyahoga River when it accepted the gift of the Bop Stop, a former jazz club at West 29th Street and Detroit

Avenue, and re-opened it as a performance and education venue in the fall of 2014.

The new 19,000 square-foot campus, to be located at the corner of Detroit Avenue and West 25th Street, will be ready to launch in the fall of 2017 and will serve the Settlement's programs in preschool, music, and music therapy. The nearby Bop Stop, which has established itself as a first-rate concert venue in its own right, will function as the performance hub for the new campus.

"We are pleased to be partnering with the Snavely Group to develop a mixed-use campus in Ohio City that will serve as a national model for innovation in cultural placemaking and community-arts education," said Charles D. Lawrence, President and CEO of The Music Settlement. "The establishment of a new campus that will augment our outstanding history of offerings at our East-side campus is the next logical step in the evolution of The Music Settlement as the region's leader in music-based education and programming for the community."

In unveiling its expansion plans, The Settlement joins a number of organizations that are revitalizing Ohio City and its near-West Side neighborhoods, including Transformer

Station, the Near West Theater, and the already-established components of the Gordon Square Arts District.

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