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**BOYER COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND DANCE RECEIVES PRESSER FOUNDATION
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

PHILADELPHIA, May 31, 2007 – A major capital improvement grant from The Theodore Presser Foundation will enable Boyer to renovate and expand portions of Presser Hall, the flagship music building on main campus which opened in 1965 and bears the Foundation's name. The grant, \$600,000 over three years, will support the construction of a new addition to the Presser Building and represents the largest capital improvement grant the Foundation makes to educational institutions such as Temple.

Boyer's history is closely allied with The Presser Foundation, dating back to the College's early days when the Foundation made a significant contribution to name the Presser Building. In subsequent years they have also made grants to support the Presser Learning Center, Presser Center for Creative Technology, the Presser Listening Library and numerous scholarships.

"The Presser name has much historical significance at Temple and we are indebted to the Foundation for its continued support of our students and programs," said Robert T. Stroker, Boyer's Dean.

The Presser grant will support the addition of 17,949 square feet of space in a new two-story addition to Presser Hall, which will include state-of-the-art classrooms, teaching studios, practice rooms and administrative facilities. The project is part of a larger capital improvement project which includes the construction of the new Tyler School of Art at 12th and Norris and an soaring atrium entrance connecting the two buildings.

Award-winning architect, Carlos Jimenez, will collaborate with the local firm H2L2 to design both the Boyer and Tyler portions of the project.

Boyer College of Music and Dance offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in instrumental studies, voice/opera, choral conducting, jazz, composition, theory, history, music therapy, music education, dance and dance education. Its faculty perform at national and international venues and are leading scholars, researchers and contributors to the professional arena of music and dance. Boyer's graduates are the ambassadors of its exemplary and rigorous academic programs. They can be found teaching in classrooms around the country, performing with major orchestras, in recording studios and teaching at leading institutions. For more information, visit www.temple.edu/boyer.