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**BOSTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS OPENS 51st SEASON ON OCTOBER 19**  
**Features Works By Stravinsky and Beethoven at Symphony Hall**

(BOSTON – September 25, 2008) What is the best way to get ready for Boston winter? Enjoy Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* this fall. The Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO), under Music Director Federico Cortese, will open its 51<sup>st</sup> season with Stravinsky's breath-taking work alongside Beethoven's *Symphony No. 3 in E flat Major, "Eroica,"* on October 19, 2008, at Symphony Hall.

Sunday, October 19, 2008, 3 pm at Symphony Hall

Boston Youth Symphony, Federico Cortese, *Conductor*  
BEETHOVEN                      *Symphony No. 3 in E flat Major, "Eroica"*  
STRAVINSKY                      *Rite of Spring*

Also featuring:

Repertory Orchestra, Joel Bard, *Conductor*  
VERDI                              *Overture to La Forza del Destino*  
Junior Repertory Orchestra, Adrian Slywotzky, *Conductor*  
BORODIN                          *In the Steppes of Central Asia*

Beethoven's "*Eroica*" was originally dedicated to Napoleon Bonaparte and is considered one of his most popular symphonies; Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* is widely regarded as one of the most significant musical works in recent history. This concert is featured as a part of the Ballets Russes 2009 series, which is a centennial festival celebration of Serge Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, a legendary performing arts company that gave birth to modern ballet, twentieth century theater design and musical composition. Visit [www.ballets-russes.com](http://www.ballets-russes.com) for more information. Diaghilev's ballet premiered the first performance of *Rite of Spring*.

Tickets are \$25 and \$30; call Symphony Charge at 617-266-1200. View the full BYSO season schedule at [www.BYSOweb.org](http://www.BYSOweb.org).

**AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:**

- **High-resolution photos**
- **A student roster of all participating youth and their hometowns**
- **BYSO season press announcement**

About Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras

The BYSO consists of approximately 420 students representing more than 120 communities from the New England area. The BYSO is widely regarded as one of the country's finest youth orchestras and is recognized nationally as a model music and arts education organization. Since its inception in 1958 at Boston University, the BYSO (formerly the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras or GBYSO) continues to achieve the highest artistic standards and remains committed to musical excellence. The organization marked its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a gala concert featuring cellist Yo-Yo Ma in May 2008. The BYSO receives generous support from Boston University's College of Fine Arts, which is a major sponsor of the BYSO. The organization also receives support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

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