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THE BOSTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS'
INTENSIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAM PERFORMS
FREE, FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT

December 14 Performance Marks 6th Collaboration with Roxbury Community College

(BOSTON, December 1, 2008) The 62 young musicians and their families that comprise Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' Intensive Community Program (ICP) are practically one big musical family. To kick off the holiday season together, the ICP students will perform their annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 pm at the Media Arts Center at Roxbury Community College (RCC). Under the energetic baton of Conductor Bonnie Black, the concert will be a festive program geared toward families with children.

The family-style concert will feature memorable Christmas music and other holiday pieces that represent the spirit of holiday season. General admission tickets are FREE. Call (617) 353-5530 or visit www.BYSOweb.org for more information about the BYSO and ICP. *A list of the members of ICP, along with their hometowns and schools, can be found at the end of this release.*

The BYSO has presented this annual Holiday Concert since the inception of ICP ten years ago to bring families and communities together to celebrate children and the holiday season. This will be the sixth year the concert is produced in partnership with RCC, and additionally ICP students attend their weekly rehearsals at RCC throughout the season. Said Marshall Hughes, RCC's Director of Visual, Performing, and Media Arts, "ICP is an amazing program that provides opportunities for students of diverse backgrounds to experience music. RCC is proud to

collaborate with the BYSO in its remarkable efforts to prepare these students for a future in music.”

This season ICP celebrates its 10th anniversary. ICP began in 1999 as a way to address a lack of music training resources available to some children. A lack of high-quality string instrument training, the result of affordability issues coupled with a paucity of classical instrumental music training in schools, led to a shortage of students who could successfully audition for BYSO's orchestras. Under the direction of Bonnie Black, ICP accepts students ages 6-8, who show exceptional interest in studying stringed instruments. The program provides them with financial aid assistance for weekly music lessons, ensemble classes and instrument rental. The purpose of ICP is to bring fine music training to students who may not otherwise have access to it, enabling them to pass auditions for one of BYSO's four orchestras. Once admitted into a BYSO orchestra, ICP students receive support in the form of tuition subsidy, weekly lessons and use of an instrument until they graduate from high school.

There are a total of 62 students in ICP this season, the oldest in 12th grade and the youngest in second grade. The total enrollment in the entire program of BYSO, which is competitive and done by audition, is 427, so ICP represents 15% of all BYSO programs. Forty-two ICP children have been accepted by audition in BYSO orchestras: eight in BYSO, seven in Repertory Orchestra, eight in Junior Repertory Orchestra, and 19 in the Young People's String Orchestra.

About Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras

The Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) has been in residence at Boston University's College of Fine Arts since its inception in 1958. 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. It consists of 427 students from the New England area, representing more than 100 communities. Since its founding, 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 50th anniversary with a gala concert featuring cellist Yo-Yo Ma in May 2008.

The BYSO's Intensive Community Program receives generous support from JPMorgan Chase & Co., the ICP 10th anniversary season sponsor, as well as Roxbury Community College. Additionally, Babson Capital LCC is a proud sponsor of the BYSO's ICP program.

The BYSO continues to receive 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). According to the selection criteria used in MCC's three-year granting cycle in 2007, the BYSO was ranked first among all orchestras in the Commonwealth for its quality, community outreach and fiscal and administrative management.

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

The ICP 10th anniversary season is made possible in part by JPMorgan Chase & Co. JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s legacy of supporting education, the arts and diversity inspired the sponsorship of ICP's 10th Anniversary season. JPMorgan Chase shares a common mission of a commitment to excellence, access to the arts and investing in and inspiring youth.

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Intensive Community Program (ICP) roster (alphabetical by hometown, then by last name)

(Name, instrument, hometown, school, grade)

Alexandra Morgan-Welch, Viola, Andover, Andover High School, 11
Natalia Jean McDermott, Cello, Billerica, Marshall Middle School, 6
Sarah Elizabeth McDermott, Violin, Billerica, Dutile Elementary School, 3
Alexandra M.L. Maund, Viola, Boston, Southfield School, 7
Taylor Payne, Violin, Boston, Rivers School, 6
Samantha Velasquez, Violin, Boston, Boston Latin Academy, 11
Dante Velasquez, Cello, Boston, Boston Latin School, 9
Gerald Pierre, Bass, Boston, 11
Berleine Gedeon, Bass, Brockton, Hancock Public School, 5
Adam Gourabou, Violin, Cambridge, Graham and Parks School, 9
Sammy Gourabou, Cello, Cambridge, Graham and Parks School, 7
Patrick Joseph Samonte, Cello, Dedham, Edward W. Brooke Charter School, 7
Cyan Jean, Cello, Dorchester, Edward W. Brooke Charter School, 2
Bergelin Jean, Violin, Dorchester, St. Angela's School, 3
Edwin Nathan Jones, Bass, Dorchester, Neighborhood House Charter School, 3
Damon Levin, Bass, Dorchester, Smith Leadership Academy, 6
Raven A. S. Whyles, Cello, Dorchester, Advent School, 3
Daphne, Bass, Foxboro, John J. Ahern,
Chiamaka Chukwujama, Bass, Hyde Park, Thayer Academy, 10
Ifeanyi Chukwujama, Bass, Hyde Park, Thayer Academy, 10
Ifenna Chukwujama, Viola, Hyde Park, McCormack Middle School, 6
Raina Jacques, Viola, Hyde Park, Beaver Country Day School, 12
Gesneron Jean Charles, Bass, Hyde Park, Boston Prep Charter School, 6
Conor McCoy, Bass, Hyde Park, Woodland School, 3

Gloria Ojimba, Bass, Hyde Park, Boston Latin School, 11
Angela Ojimba, Bass, Hyde Park, James J. Chittick School, 5
Chad Kaplan Polk, Cello, Hyde Park, Learning Project Elementary School, 4
Sebastian D'Amico, Cello, Jamaica Plain, Boston Latin School, 7
Alexandra D'Amico, Viola, Jamaica Plain, Neighborhood School, 6
Lenora Davis, Cello, Jamaica Plain, Curley Elementary School, 3
Samantha Nam-Krane, Bass, Jamaica Plain, Homeschool, 10
Ashley Francois, Viola, Malden, Sacred Hearts Parish School - Cheverus, 5
Isaiah Charles, Cello, Mattapan, Sacred Heart School, 7
Genevieve Lefevre, Viola, Mattapan, Southfield School, 6
Maeva Veillard, Viola, Mattapan, Mother Caroline Academy, 6
Christine Bourdeau, Bass, Milton, Tucker School, 4
Christian Ernest, Bass, Milton, Brimmer & May School, 7
Benjamin Ernest, Violin, Milton, Brimmer & May School, 2
Abigail Jean-Baptiste, Viola, Milton, Glover Elementary School, 4
Nathaniel Jean-Baptiste, Cello, Milton, Milton Academy,
Kethlaine Michaud, Bass, Milton, Milton High School, 12
Tatiana Michaud, Cello, Milton, Milton High School, 9
Allysa-Lara Lujares, Viola, Newton, Bigelow Middle School, 8
Jeanay Pierre, Violin, Randolph, Pope John Paul Academy, 4
Yan B. Prophete, Bass, Randolph, St. Angela's School, 5
Charli Klowden, Viola, Roslindale, Rivers School, 7
Amanda Lewis, Viola, Roslindale, Boston Arts Academy, 10
Angelica Samonte, Violin, Roslindale, St. Theresa's School, 4
Alexa Sanchez, Cello, Roslindale, Boston Latin Academy, 7
Francis Adams, Cello, Roxbury, Tenacre Country Day School, 4
Kristen Adams, Violin, Roxbury, Tenacre Country Day School, 6
Chase Balayo, Viola, Roxbury, Boston Latin School, 8
Montanna Riggs, Cello, Roxbury, Shady Hill School, 2
Alisha Magnus-Louis, Cello, Sharon, Milton Academy, 12
Marina Phillips, Bass, South Boston, Cathedral School, 6
Farrah Ridore, Bass, Stoneham, International School of Boston, 9
Sébastien Ridore, Viola, Stoneham, Buckingham Browne & Nichols--Middle School, 6
Stephanie Mascary, Viola, Taunton, Oliver Ames High School, 11
Patrick Gregory Samonte, Viola, West Roxbury, Boston Latin School, 8
Jean Pierre Samonte, Violin, West Roxbury, St. Mary's School of the Assumption, 5
Elizabeth Shaye Firmin, Bass, Westwood, Downey School, 6
Peter Firmin, Bass, Westwood, Downey School, 5