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**MUSIC OUTREACH PROGRAM CELEBRATES 10-YEARS OF
BRINGING DIVERSITY TO ORCHESTRAS AT SYMPHONY HALL TRIBUTE CONCERT**

Three Ensembles that Comprise the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras
To Perform at Symphony Hall on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 3 pm

(BOSTON – February 9, 2009) Only two percent of professional musicians in orchestras are African-American. But the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) is taking strides to increase future orchestral diversity by offering classical music training opportunities to children with diverse backgrounds.

The BYSO's outreach program that provides string instrument training and financial assistance to underrepresented youth is being honored for its 10 years of success at a Tribute Concert at Symphony Hall on Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 3 pm. J.P. Morgan is the proud anniversary sponsor of this milestone season. The 62 students that comprise the nationally recognized Intensive Community Program (ICP) will share the stage with peer musicians from the Young People's String Orchestra (YPSO) to open for the BYSO's premier ensemble, the Boston Youth Symphony (BYS). Under the baton of Music Director Federico Cortese, the BYS students will perform Mahler's Symphony No. 5 in c sharp minor.

A list of the student musicians and their hometowns and schools is at the end of this release. Tickets to the Tribute Concert at Symphony Hall are \$25—30; discounted group, student and senior tickets are available; call the Symphony Hall Box Office at (617) 266-1200.

The BYSO's ICP program has yielded substantial results. This year during ICP's 10th anniversary season (2008-2009), eight ICP students who entered the program as youngsters have now gained acceptance into the organization's 115-member premier orchestra. Indeed, these eight students will be performing Mahler's Symphony No. 5 at the upcoming concert. The young musicians experienced a series of competitive auditions to be accepted into this group that is comprised of some of the nation's most talented young musicians.

Therefore, 7% of the youth musicians in the BYSO's most advanced orchestra are African-American or Haitian-American — substantially more than the national average in professional orchestras in the United States. The most recent (2007) national survey by the League of American Orchestras reported that of 202 professional orchestras that participated in the survey, just 2% of orchestra musicians are African-American. Moreover, to encourage youth engagement in and access to the arts, the BYSO supporters are subsidizing 50 concert tickets for distribution to under served youth in the Boston area so that other young people can see these young musicians perform.

Said ICP Founding Artistic Director and Conductor Bonnie Black, "I consider my involvement with these ICP children to be a true privilege, as they are always helping me to learn and grow. I am grateful for their trust and

respect as we have journeyed together through these years, from our joyous summer camps all the way to concerts such as this upcoming performance at Symphony Hall. No matter how much I ask of them, these students continue to bring their best efforts and spirit to the work we do each week. For me, the celebration of ICP's 10th Anniversary is about celebrating these kids . . . their dedication, their energy, their accomplishments, and their dreams. It is an honor to be a part of their lives."

There are a total of 62 students in ICP, 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-three ICP children have been accepted by audition into one of the top four BYSO orchestras: the aforementioned eight in BYS, eight in Repertory Orchestra, seven in Junior Repertory Orchestra, and 20 in the Young People's String Orchestra.

ICP started in 1999 as a way to address a lack of music training resources available to some children. A need of high-quality string instrument training, and 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 conductor 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.

More information about the BYSO and its 51st season schedule is available at www.BYSOweb.org.

The BYSO's Intensive Community Program (ICP) receives generous support from J.P. Morgan, 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.

Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 3 pm at Symphony Hall

Boston Youth Symphony (BYS)
Federico Cortese, *Conductor*

MAHLER *Symphony No. 5 in c sharp minor*

Intensive Community Program (ICP) & Young People's String Orchestra (YPSO)
Bonnie Black, *Conductor*

Repertoire TBA

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

- Interviews with Music Director Mr. Cortese, Executive Director Ms. Weiskel, Conductor Bonnie Black, representatives from J.P. Morgan and BYSO youth musicians
- High-resolution orchestral photography of BYSO students

About the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO)

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 50th

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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Roster of All Performing Students (Alphabetical by hometown, then by last name) (Name, orchestra(s), instrument, hometown, school, grade)

Code

BYS = Boston Youth Symphony
YPSO = Young People's String Orchestra
ICP = Intensive Community Program

Jenna Hong, YPSO, Violin, Acton, Fay School, grade 6
Gabriel M. Kline, YPSO, Cello, Acton, Douglas Elementary, grade 6
Nikhil Srinivasan, YPSO, Violin, Acton, Luther Conant Elementary School, grade 5
Mark Santolucito, BYS, Trumpet, Amherst, Amherst Regional High School, grade 12
George Cheng, BYS, Violin, Andover, Andover High School, grade 11
John Diodati, BYS, Clarinet, Andover, Andover High School, grade 12
Alexandra Morgan-Welch, BYS and ICP, Viola, Andover, Andover High School, grade 11
Miki Nagahara, BYS, Violin, Andover, West Middle School, grade 8
Sasha Scolnik-Brower, BYS, Cello, Andover, Doherty Middle School, grade 8
Renee Delgado, BYS, Cello, Arlington, Arlington High School, grade 12
Mary Rab, BYS, Viola, Arlington, Arlington High School, grade 12
Connie Rab, YPSO, Viola, Arlington, Ottoson Middle School, grade 7
Claire Raizen, BYS, Cello, Arlington, The Waldorf School, grade 8
Natasha Rosenberg, BYS, Violin, Arlington, Arlington High School, grade 12
Carl Whatley, BYS, Oboe, Ashby, North Middlesex Regional High School, grade 10
Lauren MC Maaser, BYS, Horn, Ashland, Ashland High School, grade 12
Audrey Dunne, BYS, Cello, Barrington, Barrington High School, grade 12
Naoto Endy Nicol, BYS, Cello, Barrington, Barrington High School, grade 11
Melody Morris, BYS, Bassoon, Bedford, Bedford High School, grade 12
Rena Shi, YPSO, Violin, Bedford
Enchi Chang, BYS, Violin, Belmont, Belmont Middle School, grade 8
Jerway Chang, BYS, Violin, Belmont, Belmont High School, grade 11
Rosa Choe, YPSO, Cello, Belmont, Chenery Middle School, grade 6
Katharine Dooley, BYS, Cello, Belmont, Belmont High School, grade 12
Narissa Gogos, BYS, Bassoon, Belmont, Belmont High School, grade 12
Kate Luo, YPSO, Violin, Belmont, Daniel Butler Elementary, grade 4
Leah Meyer, BYS, Horn, Belmont, Chenery, grade 7
Benjamin Meyer, BYS, Trumpet, Belmont, Belmont High School, grade 10
Nathaniel Meyer, BYS, Trumpet, Belmont, Belmont High School, grade 12

Tiemae Roquerre, BYS, Bass, Belmont, grade 12
 Anna Stromer, BYS, Viola, Belmont, Belmont High School, grade 12
 Ari Umans, BYS, Violin, Belmont, Belmont High School, grade 12
 Sarah Elizabeth McDermott, ICP, Violin, Billerica, Dutile Elementary School, grade 3
 Natalia Jean McDermott, YPSO and ICP, Cello, Billerica, Marshall Middle School, grade 6
 Alexandra M.L. Maund, YPSO and ICP, Viola, Boston, Southfield School, grade 7
 Gabriel B. Parlin, YPSO, Violin, Boston, Fenn School, grade 7
 Taylor Payne, YPSO and ICP, Violin, Boston, Rivers School, grade 6
 Britta Purcell, YPSO, Violin, Boston, The Winsor School, grade 5
 Gerald Pierre, BYS and ICP, Bass, Boston, grade 11
 Isabel Seguin, YPSO, Viola, Boston, The Winsor School, grade 5
 Justin Burack, BYS, Violin, Boxborough, grade 12
 Yuxiao Zhang, BYS, Viola, Brighton, Boston Latin School, grade 12
 Jessica Ko, BYS, Viola, Brookline, Brookline High School, grade 12
 Camille Newsom, YPSO, Violin, Brookline, Lawrence Elementary School, grade 6
 Charlotte Hough, BYS, Viola, Brookline, Brookline High School, grade 11
 Sarah Hough, YPSO, Violin, Brookline, Devotion School, grade 5
 Max Gottesman, BYS, Bassoon, Cambridge, Commonwealth School, grade 12
 Sammy Gourabou, YPSO and ICP, Cello, Cambridge, Graham and Parks School, grade 7
 Minjin Lee, BYS, Violin, Cambridge, Dana Hall, grade 11
 Kevin Yang, BYS, Violin, Cambridge, Kenned-Longfellow, grade 8
 Katherine Hendrickson, BYS, Trombone, Carlisle, Concord-Carlisle High School, grade 11
 Alex Kinmonth, BYS, Oboe, Carlisle, Concord-Carlisle High School, grade 10
 Katherine Travisano, YPSO, Violin, Carlisle, Carlisle Public Schools, grade 5
 Eileen Coyne, BYS, Horn, Chepachet, Ponaganset High School
 Madeline Blackburn, YPSO, Violin, Cohasset, Cohasset Middle High School, grade 7
 Seth Ainsworth, BYS, Violin, Colrain, grade 12
 Sarah Kahler, YPSO, Viola, Dedham, Monsignor James J. Haddad Middle, grade 6
 Brian Lew, BYS, Trombone, Derry, Pinkerton Academy, grade 12
 Cyan Jean, ICP, Cello, Dorchester, Edward W. Brooke Charter School, grade 2
 Bergelin Jean, ICP, Violin, Dorchester, St. Angela's School, grade 3
 Edwin Nathan Jones, ICP, Bass, Dorchester, Neighborhood House Charter School, grade 3
 Raven A. S. Whyles, ICP, Cello, Dorchester, Advent School, grade 3
 Dareus Chen, YPSO, Cello, Dover, Dover Middle School, grade 7
 Sangwon Lee, BYS, Clarinet, E. Walpole, Walpole High School, grade 12
 Francie Freedman, YPSO, Cello, Framingham, Walsh Middle School, grade 6
 Julia Gibson, BYS, Violin, Framingham, grade 11
 Sasha Gorski, BYS, Violin, Franklin, Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter School, grade 8
 Sally Gorski, BYS, Violin, Franklin, Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter School, grade 8
 Kendra Lenz, BYS, Violin, Hampden, Bangor High School, grade 12
 Molly Furlong, BYS, Trombone, Hollis, Hollis Brookline High School, grade 12
 Ifeanyi Chukwujama, BYS and ICP, Bass, Hyde Park, Thayer Academy, grade 10
 Ifenna Chukwujama, ICP, Viola, Hyde Park, McCormack Middle School, grade 6
 Raina Jacques, BYS and ICP, Viola, Hyde Park, Beaver Country Day School, grade 12
 Gesneron Jean Charles, YPSO and ICP, Bass, Hyde Park, Boston Prep Charter School, grade 6
 Conor McCoy, ICP, Bass, Hyde Park, Woodland School, grade 3
 Gloria Ojimba, BYS and ICP, Bass, Hyde Park, Boston Latin School, grade 11
 Angela Ojimba, ICP, Bass, Hyde Park, James J. Chittick School, grade 5
 Chad Kaplan Polk, YPSO and ICP, Cello, Hyde Park, Learning Project Elementary School, grade 4
 Sebastian D'Amico, YPSO and ICP, Cello, Jamaica Plain, Boston Latin School, grade 7
 Alexandra D'Amico, YPSO and ICP, Viola, Jamaica Plain, Neighborhood School, grade 6

Lenora Davis, ICP, Cello, Jamaica Plain, Curley Elementary School, grade 3
Samantha Nam-Krane, BYS and ICP, Bass, Jamaica Plain, grade 10
Yasmeen Al-Mazeedi, BYS, Violin, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 10
Stephanie Atwood, BYS, Violin, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 9
Mark Cui, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Clarke Middle School, grade 6
Lydia Ding, BYS, Violin, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 0
Maura Evans, BYS, Bass, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 12
Xyla Foxlin, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Clarke Middle School, grade 7
Laura Green, BYS, Bass, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 12
Jonathan Hu, BYS, Violin, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 12
Samuel Huang, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Jonas Clarke Middle School, grade 6
Rachel Iba, BYS, Violin, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 11
Joshua (Ji Seok) Kim, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Fessenden School, grade 6
Justin Kim, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Jonas Clark Middle School, grade 6
Eunice Ko, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Diamond Middle School, grade 6
Amy Li, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Diamond Middle School, grade 8
Andrew Olsen, BYS, Viola, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 12
Betsy (Yibo) Pu, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Hastings Elementary School, grade 4
Sahana Srinivasan, YPSO, Violin, Lexington, Diamond Middle School, grade 6
Carolyn Chang, BYS, Viola, Lexington, Lexington High School, grade 9
Kate Arndt, BYS, Violin, Littleton, Littleton Middle School, grade 6
Ashley Francois, ICP, Viola, Malden, Sacred Hearts Parish School - Cheverus, grade 5
Shuyang Wang, YPSO, Violin, Malden, Beebe School, grade 6
Matthew Sinno, BYS, Viola, Mansfield, Mansfield High School, grade 11
Isaiah Charles, ICP, Cello, Mattapan, Sacred Heart School, grade 7
Genevieve Lefevre, YPSO and ICP, Viola, Mattapan, Southfield School, grade 6
Maeva Veillard, ICP, Viola, Mattapan, Mother Caroline Academy, grade 6
David Jensen, BYS, Violin, Medfield, Medfield High School, grade 11
Nicholas Termyn, BYS, Horn, Medfield, Milton Academy, grade 11
Paige McGrath, BYS, Horn, Mendon, Nipmuc Regional High School, grade 12
Christine Bourdeau, ICP, Bass, Milton, Tucker School, grade 4
Benjamin Ernest, ICP, Violin, Milton, Brimmer & May School, grade 2
Abigail Jean-Baptiste, ICP, Viola, Milton, Glover Elementary School, grade 4
Nathaniel Jean-Baptiste, ICP, Cello, Milton, Milton Academy, grade 2
Kethlaine Michaud, BYS and ICP, Bass, Milton, Milton High School, grade 12
Charles Rosmarin, BYS, Percussion, Milton, Milton High School, grade 11
Mary Cook, BYS, Oboe, Nashua, Nashua High School North, grade 11
Hillary Erb, BYS, Bassoon, Nashua, Nashua High School North, grade 12
Ambica Sastry, BYS, Violin, Nashua, Nashua High School South, grade 12
Mark Huskey, BYS, Flute, Natick, Walnut Hill School, grade 12
Christopher Nishimura, BYS, Trumpet, Natick, Walnut Hill School, grade 10
Michael Smalky, BYS, Cello, Natick, Natick High School, grade 12
Ethan Bauer, BYS, Violin, Needham, Rivers School, grade 10
Emily Chen, YPSO, Violin, Needham, Charles River School, grade 4
Linda Bard, BYS, Cello, Newton, Newton North High School, grade 10
Elizabeth Cooke, BYS, Violin, Newton, Newton North High School, grade 12
Samuel Fisher, BYS, Cello, Newton, Maimonides School, grade 11
Taichi Fukumura, BYS, Violin, Newton, Newton South High School, grade 11
Amalia Lieberman, BYS, Viola, Newton, Walnut Hill School, grade 11
Jason Lob, YPSO, Cello, Newton, Day Middle School, grade 7
Allysa-Lara Lujares, YPSO and ICP, Viola, Newton, Bigelow Middle School, grade 8

Saranya Ramadurai, YPSO, Violin, Newton, Oak Hill Middle School, grade 7
 Audrey Reuman, YPSO, Cello, Newton, The Winsor School, grade 5
 Jessica Rucinski, BYS, Piano, Newton, Newton South High School, grade 12
 Ethan Rucinski, YPSO, Bass, Newton, Brown Middle School, grade 7
 Lucius Xuan, YPSO, Cello, Newton, Bigelow Middle School, grade 6
 Daniel Zhang, BYS, Violin, Newton, Newton South High School, grade 10
 Emily Seidman, BYS, Horn, Newton Centre, Newton South High School, grade 9
 Zephaniah Chang, YPSO, Violin, Newton Highlands, Brown Middle School, grade 6
 John Baylies, BYS, Tuba, North Andover, North Andover High School, grade 11
 McKenzie Cheung, YPSO, Violin, North Andover, Academy of Notre Dame, grade 6
 Zoe Chang, YPSO, Violin, Northborough, Lincoln Street Elementary School, grade 4
 Yang Lin, YPSO, Violin, Northborough, Melican Middle School, grade 8
 Margaret Adedemola, YPSO, Violin, Norwell, Cole Elementary School, grade 3
 Zachary Sheets, BYS, Flute, Norwich, Hanover High School, NH, grade 12
 Jahn White, BYS, Horn, Norwich, Hanover High School, NH, grade 12
 Chris Coyne, BYS, Oboe, Paxton, Wachusett Regional High School, grade 11
 Christian Howard, BYS, Trombone, Plaistow, Timberlane Regional High School, grade 12
 Peter Ferry, BYS, Percussion, Providence, Moses Brown School, grade 12
 Jeanay Pierre, ICP, Violin, Randolph, Pope John Paul Academy, grade 4
 Yan B. Prophete, YPSO and ICP, Bass, Randolph, St. Angela's School, grade 5
 Greta Asgeirsson, BYS, Harp, Reading, Reading Memorial High School, grade 12
 Emily Theobald, BYS, Flute, Reading, Reading Memorial High School, grade 11
 Charli Klowden, YPSO, Viola and ICP, Roslindale, Rivers School, grade 7
 Angelica Samonte, YPSO and ICP, Violin, Roslindale, St. Theresa's School, grade 4
 Alexa Sanchez, YPSO and ICP, Cello, Roslindale, Boston Latin Academy, grade 7
 Francis Adams, YPSO and ICP, Cello, Roxbury, Tenacre Country Day School, grade 4
 Kristen Adams, YPSO and ICP, Violin, Roxbury, Tenacre Country Day School, grade 6
 Montanna Riggs, ICP, Cello, Roxbury, Shady Hill School, grade 2
 Brea Warner, BYS, Viola, S. Darmouth, Dartmouth High School, grade 11
 Maria Hadge, BYS, Cello, S. Easton, Oliver Ames High School, grade 12
 Nicole Routhier, BYS, Flute, Salem, grade 12
 Alyssa Lujares, YPSO, Violin, Sharon, South Area Solomon Schechter Day School, grade 8
 Alisha Magnus-Louis, BYS and ICP, Cello, Sharon, Milton Academy, grade 12
 James Stone, BYS, Trumpet, Sharon, Walnut Hill School, grade 10
 Ingrid Yen, BYS, Violin, Sharon, Sharon High School, grade 10
 Avery Yen, BYS, Cello, Sharon, Sharon High School, grade 12
 Eric Cui, YPSO, Violin, Shrewsbury, Oak Middle School, grade 7
 David Monte, BYS, Horn, Somerset, Durfee High School, grade 12
 Elliot Silva, BYS, Cello, Somerset, Somerset High School, grade 10
 Thomas White, BYS, Bass, Somerset, Somerset High School, grade 10
 Marina Phillips, YPSO and ICP, Bass, South Boston, Cathedral School, grade 6
 Patrick Lim, BYS, Clarinet, Southborough, St. Mark's School, grade 12
 Sarah(Seo Hee) Min, BYS, Violin, Southborough, St. Mark's School, grade 10
 Sébastien Ridore, YPSO and ICP, Viola, Stoneham, Buckingham Browne & Nichols--Middle School, grade 6
 Emily Liang, YPSO, Violin, Sudbury, Ephraim Curtis Middle School, grade 7
 Bowen Ng, YPSO, Violin, Sudbury, Ephraim Curtis Middle School, grade 7
 Rohan Shankar, YPSO, Viola, Sudbury, Curtis Middle School, grade 6
 Amy Gu, YPSO, Violin, Wayland, Happy Hollow School, grade 5
 William Barnard, BYS, Violin, Wellesley, Wellesley High School, grade 9
 Priscilla Livingston, BYS, Bass, Wellesley, Wellesley High School, grade 11
 Anna Teng, BYS, Violin, Wellesley, Rivers School, grade 10

Cecile Zhu, BYS, Bassoon, Wellesley, Wellesley High School, grade 11
Royoung (Jasmine) Kim, YPSO, Violin, West Newton, Pierce School, grade 4
Jean Pierre Samonte, ICP, Violin, West Roxbury, St. Mary's School of the Assumption, grade 5
Sherry Wu, BYS, Violin, West Roxbury, Boston Latin School, grade 11
Emilie Campanelli, BYS, Violin, Westboro, grade 10
Tien Chen, BYS, Viola, Westford, Westford Academy, grade 11
Jennifer Der, YPSO, Violin, Westford, Abbot Elementary School, grade 5
Kenta (Chris) Kawasaki, BYS, Violin, Westford, Westford Academy, grade 10
Angela Lee, YPSO, Violin, Westford, Crisafulli Elementary School, grade 5
Eileen Liu, BYS, Violin, Westford, Westford Academy, grade 11
Leland Ko, BYS, Cello, Weston, Field School, grade 5
Katya Checkovich, BYS, Viola, Weston, Weston High School, grade 9
Misha Checkovich, BYS, Violin, Weston, Weston High School, grade 12
Elizabeth Shaye Firmin, YPSO and ICP, Bass, Westwood, Downey School, grade 6
Peter Firmin, YPSO and ICP, Bass, Westwood, Downey School, grade 5
Charlotte Malin, BYS, Violin, Westwood, Westwood High School, grade 11
Rena Shi, YPSO, Violin, Westwood, Downey School, grade 3
Nathan Geurkink, YPSO, Cello, Whitinsville, Worcester Academy, grade 6
Jun-Goo Kwak, YPSO, Violin, Winchester, McCall Middle School, grade 6
Cameron Rohall, YPSO, Cello, Winchester, McCall Middle School, grade 7
Alison Fessler, BYS, Cello

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