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BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OFFERS A VARIETY OF AFFORDABLE TICKET OPTIONS FOR EVERY AGE GROUP

PROGRAMS INCLUDE $20 TICKETS FOR PATRONS UNDER 40, AS WELL AS THE COLLEGE CARD ($25) AND HIGH SCHOOL CARD ($10), OFFERING STUDENTS ACCESS TO AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF CONCERTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

PATRONS OF ALL AGES CAN EXPERIENCE THE BSO WITH AFFORDABLY PRICED RUSH TICKETS

The Boston Symphony Orchestra offers various affordable ticket options for patrons in every age group for the 2012-13 season. Ticket options designed to encourage young concert-goers to enjoy BSO concerts at Symphony Hall include the orchestra’s highly successful $20 concert tickets for patrons under the age of 40; the College Card ($25), and the High School Card ($10), programs that invite students to attend virtually any concert of their choosing throughout the BSO season, with the exception of a few pre-designated dates. Patrons of all ages can also take advantage of BSO Rush Tickets, costing $9 each. In addition, the orchestra continues to offer the Massachusetts Teachers Association a thirty percent discount on all single tickets and subscriptions, as well as a fifteen percent discount on all single tickets and subscriptions to members of the military.

Tickets may be purchased through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org), by phone through SymphonyCharge (617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200), or in person at the Symphony Hall Box Office (301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston).

$20 Tickets to Patrons under 40

The Boston Symphony Orchestra will continue offering $20 concert tickets for patrons under the age of 40 to BSO concerts for the 2012-13 Symphony Hall season. The tickets, normally priced from $30 to $123, will be made available for most Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Symphony Chamber Players concerts during the 2012-13 season, except for September 22, 27, and 29; October 6 and 20; November 30; December 1; February 28; March 2; April 13; and May 2, 3, and 4.
<40=$20 tickets, available on both the orchestra and balcony levels, may be purchased by phone through SymphonyCharge (617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200), in person at the Symphony Hall Box Office (301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston), or online through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org). Eligible patrons may purchase up to two tickets per show and must provide proof of age in order to receive the discount.

**BSO College Card**

The **BSO College Card** gives Boston-area college students the opportunity to hear an unlimited number of concerts throughout the BSO season for only $25. Tickets are not available for September 22, 27, and 29; October 6 and 20; November 30; December 1; February 28; March 2; April 13; and May 2, 3, and 4. Tickets can be picked up—one per cardholder, student ID required—at the Symphony Hall Box Office beginning on Monday the week of the concert date. Availability is not guaranteed for all concerts. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be picked up by 7:30 p.m. on the night of the concert. Students can register their cards online to receive up-to-date information on ticket availability. The BSO website (www.bso.org) will be updated each Saturday with any additional upcoming blackout dates.

College Cards may be purchased online at www.bso.org, by visiting the Symphony Hall Box Office, or by calling Symphony Charge at 617-266-1200.

**High School Card**

The **High School Card** is the best way for aspiring young high school musicians to experience the BSO on a regular basis. For only $10, High School Card-holders can attend an unlimited number of concerts throughout the BSO season. Tickets are not available for September 22, 27, and 29; October 6 and 20; November 30; December 1; February 28; March 2; April 13; and May 2, 3, and 4. Tickets can be picked up—one per cardholder, student ID required—at the Symphony Hall Box Office beginning on Saturday the week of the concert date. Availability is not guaranteed for all concerts. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be picked up by 7:30 p.m. on the night of the concert. Students can register their cards online to receive up-to-date information on ticket availability. The BSO website (www.bso.org) will be updated each Saturday with any additional upcoming blackout dates.

High School Cards may be purchased online at www.bso.org, by visiting the Symphony Hall Box Office, or by calling Symphony Charge at 617-266-1200.

**BSO High School Open Rehearsal Series**

The **BSO’s High School Open Rehearsal Series** offers high school students the opportunity to attend up to four designated open rehearsals throughout the BSO season. High School Open Rehearsals include October 4, 2012; November 8, 2012; March 28, 2013; and May 2, 2013. The program is designed for students to become a part of these in-depth rehearsal sessions and the day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a discussion about the music to be performed. High School Card-holders will also be invited to Teen Nights at Symphony, hosted by the BSO Teen Council. At these events, they will have the opportunity to connect with other high school musicians and meet members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets for High School Open Rehearsals are $10. Tickets must be purchased through
SymphonyCharge at 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200 and a ticket handling fee of 1.50 per order will apply.

**BSO Rush Tickets**

**BSO Rush Tickets** enable concert-goers of all ages to enjoy a performance at Symphony Hall by the BSO for only $9 per ticket. A limited number of Rush Tickets for Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings and Friday afternoons are set aside to be sold on the day of the performance. Rush Tickets are limited to one per customer, and must be paid for with cash only. Rush Tickets are available at the BSO Box Office on Massachusetts Avenue beginning at 5 p.m. for Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evening concerts, and 10 a.m. for Friday afternoon concerts. This program is made possible through the Richard and Claire Morse Rush Ticket Fund.

All programs and artists are subject to change. For more information or to purchase a College Card, High School Card, or High School Open Rehearsal ticket, contact the Boston Symphony Orchestra’s SymphonyCharge at 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200 or online at www.bso.org. For current program information, dial 617-CONCERT (266-2378). The Boston Symphony Orchestra is online at www.bso.org.

**TICKET INFORMATION**

Subscriptions for the BSO’s 2012-13 season are available by calling the **BSO Subscription Office** at 888-266-7575 or online through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org). Single tickets are priced from $30 to $124. Regular-season Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings are priced from $30 to $114; Friday afternoons are priced from $31 to $107; concerts on Friday and Saturday evenings are priced from $33 to $124. Tickets may be purchased by phone through SymphonyCharge (617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200), online through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org), or in person at the **Symphony Hall Box Office** (301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston). There is a $6.25 service fee for all tickets purchased online or by phone through SymphonyCharge.

A limited number of **Rush Tickets** for Boston Symphony Orchestra subscription concerts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Friday afternoons are set aside to be sold on the day of a performance. These tickets are sold at $9 each, one to a customer, at the Symphony Hall Box Office. For Friday afternoon concerts Rush Tickets are available beginning at 10 a.m. For Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evening concerts Rush Tickets are available beginning at 5 p.m.

The BSO’s **<40=$20** program allows patrons under the age of 40 to purchase tickets for $20. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis on both the orchestra and balcony levels. There is a limit of one pair per performance, but patrons may attend as many performances as desired.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra offers **groups** advanced ticket reservations and flexible payment options for BSO concerts at Symphony Hall. Groups of 20 or more may take advantage of ticket discounts, backstage tours, clinics, and master classes. Pre- and post-concert dining options and private function space are available. More information is available through the group sales office at groupsales@bso.org

The **BSO College Card** and **High School Card** are the best way for students and aspiring young musicians to experience the BSO on a regular basis. For only $25 (College Card) or $10 (High School Card) students can attend most BSO concerts at no additional cost by registering the card online to receive text and email notifications of real-time ticket availability.

American Express, MasterCard, Visa, Diners Club, and Discover (in person or by mail) and cash (in person only) are all accepted at the Symphony Hall Box Office. **Gift certificates** are available in any
amount and may be used toward the purchase of tickets (subject to availability) to any Boston Symphony Orchestra or Boston Pops performance at Symphony Hall or Tanglewood. Gift certificates may also be used at the Symphony Shop to purchase merchandise.

Patrons with disabilities can access Symphony Hall through the Massachusetts Avenue lobby or the Cohen Wing on Huntington Avenue. An access service center, accessible restrooms, and elevators are available inside the Cohen Wing entrance. For ticket information, call the Access Services Administrator at 617-638-9431 or TDD/TTY 617-638-9289.

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**COLLEGE CARD**
(Each Card $25)
College Card holders can attend an unlimited number of concerts throughout the season. Blackout dates include: September 22, 27, and 29; October 6 and 20; November 30; December 1; February 28; March 2; April 13; and May 2, 3, and 4.

**HIGH SCHOOL CARD**
(Each Card $10)
High School Card-holders can attend an unlimited number of concerts throughout the season. Blackout dates include: September 22, 27, and 29; October 6 and 20; November 30; December 1; February 28; March 2; April 13; and May 2, 3, and 4.

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN REHEARSAL SERIES**
(Each Rehearsal $10)
Available open rehearsals: October 4, 2012; November 8, 2012; March 28, 2013; and May 2, 2013