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Friday, October 30, 2015

BOSTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS TO PRESENT PROKOFIEV’S
PETER AND THE WOLF, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF FEDERICO CORTESE
AT NOON ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, IN FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THE
BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA’S 2015-16 FAMILY CONCERT SERIES

THE BSO WILL PRESENT A VARIETY OF PRE-CONCERT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLAYGROUND, WHERE YOUNG VISITORS CAN GET A CLOSE-UP
VIEW AND A CHANCE TO TRY OUT VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS OF THE ORCHESTRA

The first Family Concert of the Boston Symphony’s 2015-16 season will spotlight the Boston Youth
Symphony Orchestras (BYSO), featuring many of Boston’s most talented young musicians ranging in age
from 10-18, in a performance of Peter and the Wolf on Saturday, November 14, at 12 noon. The
performance of Prokofiev’s youth-friendly classic will be led by former BSO Assistant Conductor Federico
Cortese. Mr. Cortese and the members of the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras will be joined by
Daniel Berger-Jones, whose narration will bring to life the tale of Peter and his friends the cat, the bird,
and the duck, who assist in the valiant boy’s pursuit of the hungry wolf.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra will provide a variety of pre-concert educational activities for young
people from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., including an Instrument Playground, where children have a chance to
try out a variety of musical instruments; special instrument demonstrations, group tours, and xxx. Adult
tickets cost $20 at www.bso.org or by calling 888-266-1200. Tickets are free for children under age 18;
children’s tickets can be ordered by calling 888-266-1200 or going to the BSO Box Office at Symphony
Hall (301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA 02115).

The Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras will partner to present three
more Family Concerts during the 2015-16 season, each with an engaging theme to appeal to listeners of
all ages. On Saturday, March 5, BSO Germeshausen Youth and Family Concerts Conductor Thomas
Wilkins will lead the Boston Symphony Orchestra in two performances of a program themed “Growing
up Whole: Hearing the Orchestra Grow,” which features the music of composers Strauss, Bach, Mozart,
Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, McTee, and Boston Pops Laureate Conductor John Williams. On Saturday, April 30, conductor Marta Zurad will lead the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra’s Young People’s String Orchestra with magician Matt Roberts in a program themed “Wicked Awesome.” Closing the 2015-16 Youth & Family Concerts season, on Sunday, April 10, Federico Cortese will lead musicians of the Boston Youth Symphony and members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in a special one-hour version of Rossini’s opera Cinderella, sung in English.

**BSO/BYSO PARTNERSHIP**
The BSO and BYSO began their collaboration during the 2009-10 season as part of the BSO’s celebration of the 50th anniversary of its Youth Concert Series and the 2012-13 season brought significant development to this program in a commitment called “BSO/BYSO: Partnering for the Future.” The partnership offers joint performance opportunities for young musicians, audiences, and the wider community, while exploring innovative ways to continue to foster the future of classical music.

As part of this unique collaboration, the management of the Boston Symphony, together with BYSO, will work closely with BSO musicians, guest artists, conductors, and assistant conductors to offer BYSO musicians special coaching, master classes, and other opportunities for joint music-making. The BSO and BYSO will also develop a mentor/godparent program involving the musicians of both organizations.

**BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FAMILY CONCERTS**
The BSO’s Family Concert Series provides engaging, age-appropriate, educational orchestral concert experiences especially for children ages 3-8 and their families. BSO Family Concerts are designed to build connection to the orchestra, orchestral music, the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO), and Symphony Hall. The BSO offers three Family Concerts per year, one of which is performed by the BSO and conducted by Germeshausen Youth and Family Concerts Conductor Thomas Wilkins. As a part of a larger organizational partnership with BYSO, the other two are performed by the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras.

**MORE ON FEDERICO CORTESE**
Federico Cortese assumed the post of Music Director of the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras in 1999 and celebrates his 17th year with the organization during the 2015-16 season. He has conducted throughout the United States, Australia, China, and Europe. He is currently also the Music Director of the Harvard Radcliffe Orchestra at Harvard University. From 1998 to 2002, he served as Assistant Conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Seiji Ozawa. In this capacity, in addition to his annual scheduled concerts, Mr. Cortese led the Boston Symphony Orchestra several times in Symphony Hall and at Tanglewood, most notably performing Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9 and Puccini’s Madama Butterfly. Mr. Cortese has conducted several prominent symphony orchestras, including those of Atlanta, Dallas, and Houston, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Sydney Symphony, and Oslo Philharmonic. Opera engagements have included Maggio Musicale Florence, the Spoleto Festival in Italy and the United States, Boston Lyric Opera, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Finnish National Opera, Opera Australia, and Washington Opera.

**SPONSORSHIPS**
Longstanding major corporate partners Bank of America and EMC Corporation return as the BSO Season Sponsors for the 2015-16 Season. The BSO is proud to announce that the Arbella Insurance Foundation, a longtime sponsor, will continue its support this season with its sponsorship of the BSO College Card and BSO Youth and Family Concerts. Fairmont Copley Plaza begins its 14th season as the Official Hotel of
the BSO, and Commonwealth Worldwide Chauffeured Transportation begins its 13th season as the Official Chauffeured Transportation Provider of the BSO.

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Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras Concert Listing

Saturday, November 14, 12 noon
Boston Youth Symphony
Federico Cortese, conductor
Daniel Berger-Jones, narrator
PROKOFIEV Peter and the Wolf