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BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

PARTNERS WITH BOSTON CHILDREN’S MUSEUM FOR

“SYMPHONY PLAY DAY,” SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“SYMPHONY PLAY DAY” TO FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY MEMBERS OF THE
BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, BOSTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS
(BYSO); PROJECT STEP; YOFES YOUTH ORCHESTRA; NEW ENGLAND
CONSERVATORY, AND FROM THE TOP

Boston Symphony Orchestra musicians will perform at Boston Children’s Museum (308 Congress Street, Boston, MA) on Sunday, April 3, as part of “Symphony Play Day,” an educational collaboration with Boston Children’s Museum, Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO), Project STEP, YoFES Youth Orchestra, New England Conservatory, and From the Top. Designed to engage young people in musical discovery and exploration, “Symphony Play Day,” which will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature performances that put a special emphasis on engaging interaction between the ensembles and their young audiences. Performances scheduled to take place throughout the day will feature musicians from the Boston Symphony Youth Orchestra (11 a.m.), Project STEP (noon), YoFES Youth Orchestra (1 p.m.), and Boston Symphony Orchestra musicians Michael Winter, horn; Benjamin Wright, trumpet; Michael Martin, trumpet; Stephen Lange, trombone; and James Markey, bass trombone (2:30 p.m.). The day will also feature a musical storytelling presentation by students from the New England Conservatory (1:45 p.m.) and pop-up performances by From the Top musicians. Children attending
“Symphony Play Day” will be encouraged to open their ears to the science of sound and learn about such phenomena as sound frequencies and how they can experiment with this concept in their own kitchen. Children will also be given an opportunity to play various instruments of the orchestra at an instrument playground and participate in collaborative art projects, including the decoration of a piano. Admission to “Symphony Play Day” is free with a ticket to enter Boston Children’s Museum ($16 for adults and children ages 1 and up; free for children under 12 months) and no advance RSVP is required. Please see the full event schedule below.

“Symphony Play Day” arose out of Concerts For Very Young People, a program created by the BSO and Boston Children’s Museum in 2012 to bring young children and their families live interactive musical performances.

ADDITIONAL YOUTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS SPRING 2016
Additional Youth and Family Events at Symphony Hall this spring include the BSO Youth and Family Concerts on April 26, 27, and 28 under the direction of Germeshausen Youth and Family Concerts Conductor Thomas Wilkins and a new adaptation of Rossini’s Cinderella in collaboration with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras on April 10. The Boston Symphony Orchestra’s Education and Community Engagement programs offer individuals of all ages and backgrounds a rich variety of opportunities to experience orchestral music and the BSO, including programs designed to support the department’s mission of building broader relationships throughout the greater Boston community and beyond; details on the BSO’s Education and Community Engagement programs are available at http://www.bso.org/brands/bso/education-community.aspx.

“Symphony Play Day” Event Listing, April 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
11:00 a.m. – Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra
12:00 p.m. – Project STEP
1:00 p.m. – YoFES Youth Orchestra
1:45 p.m. – Musical Storytelling with New England Conservatory
2:30 p.m. – Musicians from the BSO including Michael Winter, horn; Benjamin Wright, trumpet; Michael Martin, trumpet; Stephen Lange, trombone; James Markey, bass trombone
Pop-up performances by From the Top musicians throughout the day

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