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BOSTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS TO PRESENT PROKOFIEV’S
PETER AND THE WOLF, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
BSO ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR AND ARTISTIC ADVISOR ADRIAN SLYWOTZKY
AT NOON ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, IN FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THE
BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA’S 2017-18 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 2017-18 season will spotlight the Boston Youth
Symphony Orchestras (BSO), featuring many of Boston’s most talented young musicians ranging in age
from 10 to 18, in a performance of Peter and the Wolf on Saturday, November 4, at 12 noon. The
performance of Prokofiev’s youth-friendly classic will be led by BSO Associate Conductor and Artistic
Advisor Adrian Slywotzky. Mr. Slywotzky and the members of the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras
will be joined by actor Ramona Lisa Alexander, who has appeared locally in performances at The
Huntington Theatre Company, Lyric Stage Company, and Berkshire Theatre Group.

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 and a musically themed craft activity. Adult tickets at $20 are
available by visiting 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 two more BSO Family Concerts during the 2017-18 season, each with an engaging theme to appeal to listeners of all ages. On Saturday, March 10, BSO Germeshausen Youth and Family Concerts Conductor Thomas Wilkins will lead the Boston Symphony Orchestra in BSO Family Concerts with a program entitled “Learning By Heart - A Journey of Exploration and Engagement” which features the music of composers Berlioz, Prokofiev, Mendelssohn, and Dvořák. On Saturday, April 14, conductor Marta Żurad will lead the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras with magician Matt Roberts in a program titled “Step in Time.”

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, works 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.

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 Concert programs 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 ADRIAN SLYWOTZKY
Adrian Slywotzky is a proud alum of BYSO who served as conductor of Junior Repertory Orchestra from 2006 to 2012. He returned to Boston after earning a doctoral degree at the University of Michigan, where he studied with Kenneth Kiesler. At Michigan Adrian was music director of the UM Life Sciences Orchestra and conducted the Campus Symphony Orchestra, as well as performances of Mozart’s Magic Flute and Ravel’s L’heure espagnole. In summer 2016 Adrian won second prize in the Atlantic Coast International Conducting Competition in Portugal. He was the founding conductor of the Yale Medical Symphony Orchestra, and from 2007 to 2010 music director of the New Haven Chamber Orchestra. An avid exponent of contemporary music, he directed the world premiere of Hugo Kauder’s magnum opus, the opera Merlin. As a conductor for Yale’s New Music New Haven concert series, he led performances of music by David Felder, Tom Johnson, David Lang, and Bernard Rands, as well as premieres of numerous works by graduate student composers. Adrian has worked as an educator throughout New England. He conducted the Greater New Haven Youth Orchestra from 2008-2010, and was invited to direct the Rhode Island All-State Orchestra in 2013. Adrian holds degrees in conducting, violin performance, and architecture from Yale.

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Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras Concert Listing

Saturday, November 4, 12 noon
Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO)
Adrian Slywotzky, conductor
Ramona Lisa Alexander, narrator
PROKOFIEV Peter and the Wolf