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BOSTON SYMPHONY'S NORMAN BOLTER KICKS OFF "RETIREMENT" WITH CONCERT TOUR

BOSTON, MA, November 15, 2007 – After 32 years with the orchestras, one time Pine Island resident, Norman Bolter plays his last concert with the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops when he "retires" on December 17, 2007. Marking the occasion, a WGBH Boston radio interview with Bolter is scheduled to air on November 23, 2007 (listen from your computer at www.wgbh.org live radio). But the 52-year-old trombonist isn't hanging up his horn any time soon. He's back with the Boston Symphony for a week in March. And before that, in early February, he's playing with the Minnesota Orchestra in Minneapolis. Then home in Boston, on February 27, 2008, he'll conduct the New England Conservatory Trombone Choir and guests, soloist James Nova of the Utah Symphony and the Frequency Band (Bolter's own ensemble). In late March, he's on to Reykjavik, Iceland to play with the Iceland Symphony Orchestra, conduct master classes at the Academy of the Arts and play, with other musicians there, a recital of his own music. Bolter packs his bags again to return to the Minnesota Orchestra in April.

In addition to being a world-class trombonist and conductor, Bolter also is a prolific composer and many well known artists and ensembles, including the Minnesota Orchestra, Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra and musicians from the New York Philharmonic and Boston Symphony, have commissioned his works. Bolter will be world premiering his latest work, Annapurna Trail, on his upcoming February 27, 2008 concert at the New England Conservatory in Boston.

A renowned teacher, **Bolter conducted a master class** on November 8, 2007 with members of the acclaimed **Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela** as they passed through Boston on their U.S. tour. When asked if he'll be traveling to Venezuela next, Bolter replied, "I hope so!"

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