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

Boston, MA, November 16, 2007 – After 32 years with the orchestras, **longtime Parkway resident, Norman Bolter**, plays his last concert with the **Boston Symphony** and **Boston Pops** when he "retires" on **December 17, 2007**. 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, Bolter will play with the **Minnesota Orchestra** in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Back 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 off to Reykjavik, **Iceland** to play with the **Iceland Symphony Orchestra**, teach master classes at the **Academy of Arts** and conduct a **concert of his own music**. He packs his bags again to **return to the Minnesota Orchestra** in April. When he returns **home, Bolter will work on his new CD** (he's released four to date) before resuming his concert schedule.

In addition to being a world-class trombonist and conductor, Bolter also is a prolific composer and many prominent 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 concert at the New England Conservatory in Boston, **February 27, 2008**.

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

When asked where else he would like to give a concert, Bolter says, "You know, I've always wanted to do a **concert with the Frequency Band right here** in my own neighborhood, but it's never happened. Maybe now it can. I'm certainly open to ideas." **Bolter and his wife**, psychologist Dr. Carol Viera, who co-directs the Frequency Band with him, are **longtime residents of the Parkway** and plan to stay here during life's next chapter. A **WGBH Boston radio interview** with Bolter is scheduled to air **November 23, 2007** alongside the Boston Symphony Orchestra concert broadcast, an encore and podcast are scheduled for a later date.

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