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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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