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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, **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 radio interview** with Bolter is scheduled to air on **November 23, 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, he'll play with the **Minnesota Orchestra** in Minneapolis. 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 off to Reykjavik, **Iceland** to play with the **Iceland Symphony Orchestra**, teach master classes at the **Academy of the Arts** and conduct a **concert 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 prominent artists and ensembles, including the Minnesota Orchestra, Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra and musicians from the New York Philharmonic and Boston Symphony, have commissioned works from him. He will be world premiering his latest work, Annnapurna 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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