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Boston Symphony Orchestra Announces New Additions to Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors

BOSTON – The Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) today announced the addition of five new members to its Board of Trustees: Edward “Ted” Berk; Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, Ph.D.; Liliana Bachrach; Peter Li; and Antoine van Agtmael. These individuals will join the Board effective September 1, 2026, and serve for an initial five-year term.

The BSO also announced the addition of eight new members to its Board of Advisors: Thomas Abe; Joshua Budway; Jim Heeger; Benjamin Jiang; Rebecca A. Lee; Juan Carlos Morales; David J. Sorkin; and Micho Spring. The new advisors will join for initial three-year terms starting September 1, 2026.

The BSO Board of Trustees is an elected group of accomplished civic and philanthropic leaders who serve as fiduciaries to help advance the organization’s artistic mission. Trustees serve for a standard five-year term, which can be renewed.

The Board of Advisors is a group of longtime audience members, patrons, and supporters who help steer the organization and advise the BSO’s management team.

Following the end of her service as Trustee, Terry Stone will become a BSO Life Trustee. Karen Bressler, Donald Peck, Robert Reynolds, and Graham Robinson will transition to Advisors Emeriti after finishing their service as Advisors. These changes will take effect September 1, 2026.

Statement from Barbara Hostetter, Chair of the Boston Symphony Orchestra Board of Trustees

"The Boston Symphony Orchestra has been sustained for generations by those who choose to volunteer and invest their time, expertise, and passion into strengthening this institution. We are honored to welcome these accomplished leaders to our Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors. I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to Donald, Graham, Karen, Robert, and Terry for their many years of dedicated service and their continued commitment to the BSO."

Statement from Chad Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Boston Symphony Orchestra

"Ted, Vanessa, Liliana, Peter and Antoine will bring a wealth of knowledge and diverse experiences — from the arts to science to finance — and a love of the BSO to their new roles on our Board of Trustees. These unique perspectives will be critical as we tackle the fundamental question of what it means to be a world-renowned artistic institution in the 21st century. I am also excited to welcome our new Advisors and look forward to working with them. We are fortunate to have such exceptional individuals in board leadership positions as we continue to work closely with our Orchestra and deepen the BSO’s connections across our communities in Boston and the Berkshires."

Today's announcement comes at an important time for the BSO amid several key milestones and successes:

- The ongoing Tanglewood season is pairing artistic excellence with public appeal – featuring residencies of some of the greatest artists of our time, including Yo-Yo Ma, Esa-Pekka Salonen, and Laurie Anderson; important world premieres that center the Boston Symphony Orchestra such as Symphony No. 15 (*Lincoln*) by Philip Glass; programming for young audiences both by the BSO and through the Tanglewood Learning Institute; world-class artist training and mentorship in the Tanglewood Music Center; the Popular Artist Series; and more.
- The July 4 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular served as the centerpiece of the Commonwealth's Massachusetts 250 celebration and was watched by 27 million people worldwide through the CNN broadcast.
- This fall, the BSO will kick off its 2026-2027 season, which will open with a performance of Maskats, Elgar, and Brahms featuring Yo-Yo Ma; *Creation*, a BSO-commissioned companion piece to Haydn's *The Creation* written by former Tanglewood Music Center Fellow and preeminent contemporary composer Osvaldo Golijov; and accompanying humanities activities. This season will also feature a monthlong Tchaikovsky celebration with supporting humanities events; collaborations with Kristine Opolais, Håkan Hardenberger, and Lang Lang; and performances devoted to the works by Mahler, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff, Strauss, and Beethoven, among others.

A full list of the BSO's current Board of Trustees and Board leadership is available [HERE](#). A full list of the BSO's current Board of Advisors is available [HERE](#).

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Edward "Ted" Berk

Ted Berk is a senior lecturer of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. Previously, he was a managing director of Bain Capital, where he was based primarily in London. He graduated from Harvard Business School and Harvard College. Ted was elected to the Board of Advisors in 2018 and has served as the Co-Chair of the Board of Advisors since 2022.

Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, Ph.D.

Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, Ph.D., is the chief executive officer of Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA), Greater Boston's largest Latino-led nonprofit, which empowers communities through affordable housing, education, and arts. Since 2003, she has led IBA's growth, overseeing 667 housing units across the South End, Roxbury, and Hyde Park. A recognized civic leader, she became the first Latina appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and has served on numerous city and state task forces. Vanessa is also a founding board member of the Margarita Muñiz Academy and co-founder of the Greater Boston Latino Network.

Liliana Bachrach

Liliana Bachrach worked as a marketing communications consultant for medical technology start-ups. With her husband Hillel, they co-founded ESC Medical Systems (now Lumenis) and



MSQ Ltd. (now Alma Lasers) – both companies were considered breakthrough innovators in the medical laser field. Liliana served on the Whitehead Institute's Board of Directors, and has served as a member of the BSO's Board of Advisors since 2014.

Peter Li

Peter Li is a life sciences executive, entrepreneur, and advisor with more than two decades of leadership experience driving innovation in biotechnology, cell analysis, and scientific instrumentation. Through the Li-Qiu Family Foundation, Peter is extensively involved in philanthropic work, including The Children's Museum, Museum of Science, Citizens Inn, and the Boston Comic Arts Foundation, among others. Peter has served as a member of the BSO's Board of Advisors since 2024.

Antoine van Agtmael

Antoine van Agtmael is senior advisor at FP which publishes Foreign Policy Magazine and is also a public policy advisory firm in Washington DC. He was the principal founder, CEO and chief investment officer of Emerging Markets Management, LLC (EMM), a pioneering investment firm in emerging market equities and he was also a founding director of the Strategic Investment GroupSM. Widely regarded as the founding father of emerging markets investing—a term he coined at the International Finance Corporation—Antoine has authored numerous works on the subject and taught at institutions including Georgetown Law Center, Harvard Institute of Politics and Thammasat University in Bangkok. He is a trustee of the Brookings Institution, NPR Foundation, University of the People and was Board chair of the National Museum of Asian Art. Antoine has served as a member of the BSO's Board of Advisors since 2018.

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Thomas Dabney Abe

Thomas Abe is a commodities portfolio manager at Balyasny Asset Management in their Boston office. He is a former managing director of the New York office of Goldman Sachs where he served as the head of US oil trading. He has served on the BSO Business Partners Council since 2022 representing first Goldman Sachs and now Balyasny Asset Management. He earned his B.A. in economics from Colby College in 2013 and is an Eagle Scout. Thomas' grandmother, Edith Dabney, was a Life Trustee of the BSO.

Joshua Budway

Joshua Budway is the Chief People Officer of Atlan, an AI infrastructure company. He previously led the People and HR functions across a range of consumer and enterprise businesses, leading successful business transformations and scale-ups. Prior to this, he was an Associate Principal at McKinsey & Company and the Artistic Administrator of Boston Lyric Opera. He has an MBA from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Music from Boston University.

Jim Heeger

Jim Heeger spent more than thirty years as a senior software executive in Silicon Valley on the leadership teams at Intuit and Adobe before leading three software companies as CEO including PayCycle, Fotiva, and GreenRoad Technologies. Over the last several years, he has served on numerous non-profits and has led the boards of Mem Global, the Foundation for Jewish Camp and the Bay Area Jewish Federation. As a student violinist at MIT, he enjoyed getting to Symphony Hall to hear the BSO and for the last thirty-plus years he has been a regular Tanglewood patron.

Benjamin Jiang

Benjamin Jiang is a corporate partner in the Boston office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP whose practice centers on mergers and acquisitions and adjacent corporate advisory work for public and private companies, with particular depth in biopharmaceuticals, technology, and related sectors. He advises clients across the full M&A lifecycle—structuring deals, navigating regulatory considerations, and guiding integration—while serving as an ongoing corporate counselor. He is also a member of the board of trustees of Connecticut Early Music Festival.

Rebecca A. Lee

Rebecca A. Lee is a member of the law firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C. and chair of the firm's Real Estate Development Practice, recognized as a leading commercial real estate and land use attorney in Greater Boston. She advises developers, lenders, companies, and nonprofits on permitting, acquisitions, dispositions, condominium creation, and complex financings. A former chief of staff and special counsel to the director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, she has served as project counsel for major developments including the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport, the Canopy by Hilton Hotel near Haymarket, multiple affordable housing developments in the South End, Chinatown and Mission Hill neighborhoods, the 5 and 15 Necco Street buildings in the Fort Point Channel neighborhood and the Dorchester Bay City mixed-use project in Dorchester. She is a graduate of Brandeis University, Harvard Kennedy School, and Yale Law School, and serves on the Advisory Board of The Asian Community Fund and on the Steering Committee of the Ricesticks and Tea Asian Food Pantry.

Juan Carlos (JC) Morales

Juan Carlos (JC) Morales is the founder and CEO of Surfside Capital Advisors, a strategy and financial advisory firm focused on fractional CFO and transaction advisory services. Previously, Mr. Morales served as global chief financial officer for investment management firms with over \$4 trillion in assets under management, and was recognized by the Boston Business Journal as "CFO of the Year" in 2009. He currently serves on the boards of directors of Greentown Labs and MassDevelopment. He also co-founded The Latino Equity Fund at The Boston Foundation and the Boston chapter of the Association of Latino Professionals for America.

David J. Sorkin

David Sorkin is the Barry and Teri Volpert Visiting Professor of Practice in Private Equity at Harvard Law School. From 2007 to 2023, David served as general counsel and later chief legal officer of KKR & Co. Inc., a global investment firm specializing in alternative asset management, capital markets, and insurance solutions. Before joining KKR, David was a partner at Simpson



Thacher & Bartlett LLP, where he focused on corporate transactions and acted as one of KKR's principal outside counsel. Earlier in his career, from 1984 to 1985, he clerked for the Hon. Charles M. Merrill of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. He is a graduate of Williams College and Harvard Law School.

Micho Spring

Micho Spring has had a distinguished career across corporate, public relations, and government sectors. She has served as a communications strategist for 30 years at Weber Shandwick, as a leader of its Global Corporate practice, most recently as Chief Reputation Officer, and currently as a Senior Advisor. Micho served for six years as CEO of Boston Telecommunications Company, and four years as Deputy Mayor of Boston. She also served as Chief of Staff to Boston Mayor Kevin H. White after four years of service in New York City government. Micho holds numerous board memberships, including National Bank Holdings Corp ("NBHC"), the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) New England and the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. Micho also chaired the Boards of the United Way of Mass Bay and the Massachusetts Women's Forum.

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