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Philadelphia Orchestra presents Sound All Around series in Bryn Mawr

Four concerts are planned for 2006 at the Baldwin School

(Philadelphia, January 17, 2006) – The Philadelphia Orchestra’s popular Sound All Around series, now in its 10th year, expands to the suburbs with programs on four Saturdays in 2006: **January 28, February 25, April 1, and May 20**. Two performances (**10:00 and 11:15 a.m.**) will be held on each date at the **Baldwin School** in Bryn Mawr. Sound All Around introduces children ages 3 to 5 to the instruments and musicians of the Orchestra. Children are seated informally, close to the musicians, who demonstrate their instruments, perform short pieces of music, and tell stories musically. Combined with engaging and dynamic performances by award-winning storyteller Charlotte Blake Alston, Sound All Around is a musical adventure for the youngest music lovers. Tickets (\$18 single ticket; \$63 for a four-concert subscription) are available at 215.893.1999, www.philorch.org, or at the school on the day of the performance.

Charlotte Blake Alston, a Philadelphia-based storyteller, narrator, and singer, has hosted Sound All Around since 1994. Ms. Alston enjoys a close relationship with the Orchestra as a guest host and narrator on the Orchestra’s Family Concert and School Concert series and Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Concerts, in addition to hosting Sound All Around. Ms. Alston, who in 1999 began studying West African history-telling traditions, has been a featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival and the National Festival of Black Storytelling. Ms. Alston also hosts “Carnegie Kids,” Carnegie Hall’s Preschool concert series, and has been a featured artist on the Carnegie Hall Family Concert Series since 1996.

The Philadelphia Orchestra’s educational and outreach activities enrich the lives of over 35,000 youngsters and 140,000 adults in the Philadelphia region each year, through a variety of musical encounters, including subscription concerts, Sound All Around (for children ages 3 to 5), Family Concerts (for children ages 6 to 12), School Concerts, a School Partnership Program, Music Educator Workshops, Master Classes, Side-By-Side Rehearsals, Open Rehearsals, the Albert M. Greenfield Student Competition, free Neighborhood Concerts, and collaborations with conservatories and colleges. The Orchestra also serves as the region’s greatest ambassador to our

country and the world through domestic and international tours, serving as a cultural bridge and economic development engine for greater Philadelphia.

SOUND ALL AROUND

January 28 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. – Saturday morning – The Baldwin School (701 W. Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr)

Charlotte Blake Alston, *host and storyteller*

Mary Javian, *double bass*

The Sound All Around concert series is endowed in perpetuity by the Garrison Family Fund for Children's Concerts.

Tickets: \$18, 215.893.1999 or www.philorch.org

SOUND ALL AROUND

February 25 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. – Saturday morning – The Baldwin School (701 W. Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr)

Charlotte Blake Alston, *host and storyteller*

Daniel Matsukawa, *bassoon*

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SOUND ALL AROUND

April 1 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. – Saturday morning – The Baldwin School (701 W. Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr)

Charlotte Blake Alston, *host and storyteller*

Matthew Vaughn, *trombone*

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SOUND ALL AROUND

May 20 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. – Saturday morning – The Baldwin School (701 W. Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr)

Charlotte Blake Alston, *host and storyteller*

Christopher Deviney, *percussion*

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