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SECOND ANNUAL BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL TO TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 16, 2010 IN COPLEY SQUARE

(BOSTON-Jan. 25, 2009) The highly anticipated second annual Boston Book Festival will take place on Oct. 16, 2010, in various locations around Copley Square. Author lineup, exact times and locations will be announced in the coming months.

The inaugural Boston Book Festival, held Oct. 24, 2009, was an unequivocal success. Organizers estimate that 12,000 people attended the presentations, panel discussions, workshops, music performances and street fair, most of which were free. The event featured 90 authors and presenters, including some of the biggest names in the literary world, 40 outdoor exhibitors, 30 indoor events, children's activities, and live music. Internationally-known fiction and non-fiction writers, scholars, critics and commentators including Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk, Richard Russo, Anita Diamant, John Hodgman, Dennis Lehane, Michael Porter, Cornel West, Mary Gordon, Alicia Silverstone, Michael Patrick MacDonald, Jill Lepore, Nicholas Negroponte, David Pogue, Chris Van Allsburg and many others spoke to packed houses at historic Boston locations.

According to founding president Deborah Z Porter, "We were very pleased with our first festival, and grateful for all of the support we received. This year we will have more beautiful venues with the same high-quality presentations, panels, children's activities and music. We're in the midst of identifying sponsors and confirming presenters, and hope to announce this year's participants over the summer."

The Boston Book Festival is produced by the non-profit organization of the same name, and is made possible with the generous support of sponsors and individual donors. For more information about the Boston Book Festival, visit www.bostonbookfest.org.

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