

BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL

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THE BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL 2009, PRESENTED BY STATE STREET CORPORATION KICKS OFF WITH “BOSTON OUT LOUD,” A MUSICAL AND LITERARY CELEBRATION AT TRINITY CHURCH

Livingston Taylor, Benjamin Zander, Boston Children’s Chorus, Robin Young and more will help celebrate the inaugural Boston Book Festival

(BOSTON) The Boston Book Festival, presented by State Street Corporation, kicks off with **Boston Out Loud**, a festival-eve celebration of music and the spoken word, on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Church, 206 Clarendon Street in Copley Square. Tickets are \$12, and can be purchased at www.bostonbookfest.org.

Boston Out Loud, hosted by WBUR’s Robin Young, will feature an introduction by Mayor Menino, and music from the acclaimed Boston Children’s Chorus. Singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor, a member of the faculty at Berklee College of Music, will perform and discuss the craft of songwriting with Robin Young. The Reverend Peter Gomes from Harvard’s Divinity School will read, along with a student from the Boston Arts Academy. Benjamin Zander, internationally renowned conductor of the Boston Philharmonic and member of the faculty of the New England Conservatory, will tell a story about his trip to a Pennsylvania penitentiary prompted by a prisoner’s letter asking him to recommend a book. He will speak on the transformative power of the arts -- and will conduct the audience in singing one of the most famous works of classical music, a piece that was inspired by a poem.

The inaugural Boston Book Festival takes place Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 am – 6 pm at various Copley Square locations. Events will include free presentations and panels featuring internationally-known fiction and non-fiction writers, scholars, critics and commentators; programming for children, teens and families; writing workshops and word-based competitions; and theatre, spoken word and music performances. For the complete festival line-up, please visit www.bostonbookfest.org.

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