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The Sheldon Receives \$15,000 Grant from Bayer Fund

Donation to help support Sheldon Education Programs

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Sheldon announced today it received a grant for \$15,000 from Bayer Fund, which will be used to support The Sheldon’s Education Programs.

"The Sheldon Arts Foundation is honored to have the opportunity to partner with Bayer Fund in bringing critical arts education programming to area students," says Peter Palermo, Sheldon executive director. "In a typical year, The Sheldon will reach over 30,000 students, with programs that provide one-on-one mentoring, use students' innate love of music to teach STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) principals, and provide many their first concert experience in the unparalleled environment of the Sheldon Concert Hall."

This grant will not only provide support to The Sheldon, but also the community it serves by introducing tens of thousands of St. Louis-area students to music and art education - including over 10,000 students from St. Louis Public Schools, North County schools and other underserved districts. Bayer Fund awarded The Sheldon \$15,000 in 2019 as well, and has been a stalwart supporter of Sheldon Education Programs for many years.

"Throughout the years, the grants given through Bayer Fund have helped strengthen our communities across the United States," said Al Mitchell, President of Bayer Fund. "We're proud to be able to provide support to develop programs that help combat challenges such as food insecurity, STEM education, and support services to patients and families managing an illness or disease."

In 2019, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$14 million to over 3,200 charitable and nonprofit organizations to help address essential needs in food and nutrition, STEM education and community development. Over the last five years, nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$79 million.

To learn more about The Sheldon, visit TheSheldon.org.

To learn more about Bayer Fund visit <https://www.fund.bayer.us>.

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About The Sheldon

The Sheldon hosts over 350 events each year, including jazz, folk, classical, bluegrass, world music concerts and more in the Sheldon Concert Hall; a diverse range of educational programs serving over 30,000 students each year; and world-class exhibitions in the Sheldon Art Galleries, in spaces dedicated to photography, architecture, St. Louis artists and collections, music, children’s art and emerging artists.

About Bayer Fund

Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.