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CLASSICAL PIANIST DOMINIC CHELI TO PERFORM PROGRAM DEDICATED TO HUMAN CONNECTION

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Dominic Cheli, pianist,** Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Cheli's Sheldon program, entitled "Dedications of the Human Spirit," includes pieces by Liszt, Schubert, Beethoven and Brahms. He will also play *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky.

Dominic Cheli's piano playing has been described as "spontaneous yet perfect, the best of how a young person can play" by *Symphony Magazine*. His rapidly advancing career includes his Walt Disney Concert Hall debut with legendary conductor Valery Gergiev, his Carnegie Hall Recital debut, as well as an upcoming album release on the Naxos label. A native of St. Louis, Cheli has performed with the Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis, as well as the San Diego Symphony, DuPage Symphony, *Nordwestdeutsche Philharmonie* in Germany and many others. Cheli studied at the Manhattan School of Music, Yale University and the Colburn School, and recently debuted at festivals across the United States including the Ravinia Festival, Mostly Mozart Festival and the Virginia Arts Festival.

"Pianist Dominic Cheli transfixed the audience. This young man was mesmerizing - his fingers were one with each key" — *L.A. Times*

Tickets are \$15 general admission/\$10 student, and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 and through The Sheldon's website at <u>TheSheldon.org</u>, For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit <u>TheSheldon.org</u>.

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