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## LIVE FROM THE SHELDON SERIES EXPANDS TO VENUES THROUGHOUT THE REGION WITH MARQUISE KNOX CONCERT

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon and HEC Media are pleased to announce the expansion of their monthly "Live From The Sheldon" virtual concert series to venues and performing arts centers throughout the region with a concert by acclaimed blues player Marquise Knox, premiering Saturday, February 13 at 7 p.m. Produced by HEC Media and recorded live at The Sheldon, the concert will stream for free on both The Sheldon's and HEC's Facebook and YouTube pages, HEC's website at <u>https://hecmedia.org</u>, and on HEC Media's cable channels: 989 Spectrum and 99 U-verse. Previous performers have included local favorites The 442s and The Arianna String Quartet, and jazz legend Joey DeFrancesco.

In addition to these local outlets, the concert will also be simulcast by partner venues including The Stiefel Theatre in Salina, KS; McCain Auditorium at Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; Midwest Trust Center at Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS; ECC Arts Center at Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL; and Five Points Washington in Washington, IL.

Sheldon Executive Director Peter Palermo says, "We want the whole country to know what St. Louis music fans already do – that The Sheldon is a gem, loved by artists and audiences alike. This expansion of the "Live From The Sheldon" series gives us the opportunity to spread that word."

"HEC Media is excited to share these amazing performances with venues across the country," adds Dennis Riggs, HEC Media president. "Our aim is to bolster arts and cultural organizations and their communities, now more than ever. At a time when it is impossible to 'pack a house,' we are helping these venues entertain and educate their communities just like they've always done, but now virtually."

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With a deep-seated reverence for traditional blues music, but with a style all his own, St. Louis-native Marquise Knox has quickly become one of today's most acclaimed blues musicians. Mentored under the late great blues legend Henry Townsend, Knox released his nationally recognized debut album, *Manchild*, at the age of 16. Since then, he has toured throughout the U.S. and Europe, appearing with some of America's most notable blues performers, including B.B. King, Pinetop Perkins and David "Honeyboy" Edwards. In 2019, Knox embarked on a 16-city tour, opening for Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famers Z.Z. Top and Cheap Trick, introducing his sound to new audiences nationwide.

To watch "Live From The Sheldon," follow <u>The Sheldon</u> and <u>HEC</u> Facebook pages, and subscribe to <u>The</u> <u>Sheldon's</u> and <u>HEC's</u> YouTube channels.

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