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**RANKY TANKY AND DOM FLEMONS PERFORM THE TIMELESS MUSIC OF
THE GULLAH CULTURE TO OPEN SHELDON FOLK SERIES**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Southern Journey, Featuring Ranky Tanky and Dom Flemons** as part of The Sheldon Folk Series on Friday, October 15 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall.

South Carolina natives and *Billboard* chart-toppers Ranky Tanky, along with Dom Flemons, the Grammy-winning co-founder of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, perform the timeless music of The Gullah culture born in South Carolina's low country. From playful game songs to ecstatic shouts, from heartbreaking spirituals to delicate lullabies, Ranky Tanky presents a joyful celebration of this African-American music mixed with large doses of jazz, gospel, funk and R&B. Considered an expert player on the banjo, fife, guitar, harmonica and rhythm bones, Flemons' repertoire of music covers over 100 years of American folklore, ballads, and tunes.

Beginning September 2, 2021, anyone aged 12 or older, attending a ticketed event at The Sheldon, will be asked to show proof of full vaccination* OR a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 48 hours before time of entry into the event. Patrons should be prepared to show their vaccination card, or proof of negative COVID test, or a photo of their vaccination card or test results on their mobile devices, before entering The Sheldon. Ticket buyers have until October 1, 2021 to request a refund for their previously purchased tickets, or by 11:59 p.m. the night before the event, whichever comes first. The Sheldon will also maintain a flexible ticket exchange policy throughout the season to accommodate any health and safety-related concerns.

Tickets are \$45 orchestra / \$40 balcony 1 / \$35 balcony 2, and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 and through The Sheldon's website at TheSheldon.org. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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