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## STEFANIE KIRKLAND NAMED FIRST-EVER PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR AT THE SHELDON

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon Arts Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Stefanie Kirkland as their first-ever director of programming. Kirkland joins The Sheldon staff on November 15, after more than 16 years with Craft Alliance, most recently serving as their Deputy Director.

"I can't wait to welcome Stefanie as part of our artistic team," says Sheldon Executive Director Peter Palermo.

"We will look to Stefanie to unify our artistic offerings, finding synergies between the concert hall and art
galleries, and to seek out new community partners and collaborations across the region and the world.

Together, we will keep The Sheldon forward-looking, relevant and always part of the cultural conversation in St.

Louis."

An artist, curator, arts administrator, business owner and educator, Kirkland has been with Craft Alliance since 2005, where she managed the curation and production of exhibits, publications, the Artists-In-Residence program and marketing, as well as their gift shop. Originally from New York, Kirkland holds a B.A. from Syracuse University and an M.F.A. from Academy of Art College in San Francisco. She is also the owner of Turn restaurant in Grand Center, along with her husband, Chef David Kirkland.

Kirkland adds, "I am thrilled to be joining the dynamic and innovative team at The Sheldon. It is a special place for the St. Louis community and I look forward to continuing to broaden their reach, creating new partnerships and keeping the beat going for everyone to enjoy."

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