

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## SHELDON EDUCATIONAL CONCERTS GO VIRTUAL FOR FALL 2020 SEASON

ST. LOUIS - The Sheldon's music education concerts, which introduce over 25,000 students annually to jazz, folk, classical, world music and the American musical, will offer live-streaming performances of their most popular concerts this fall, free of charge to both traditional and home schools, thanks to Emerson; World Wide Technology, Inc.; Steward Family Foundation; and many other generous donors.

"With the ongoing COVID-19 concerns, and the uncertainty surrounding the upcoming school year, we want to provide arts education programming that is flexible and easily accessible to teachers - whether their students are learning from home or from the classroom," says Sheldon Executive Director, Peter Palermo. "These live streaming events will bring the immediacy and energy of a live performance directly to the students in an engaging new way."

The 45-minute performances will feature some of St. Louis' top musicians and educators and will stream live at each scheduled concert time. Performances will be available to registrants for two weeks following the initial air date, and teacher handbooks, including follow-up classroom activities, will be provided to guide teachers through each concert.

## Virtual education concert schedule:

Folk Music in the Melting Pot: November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

The Jazz Story: October 20 at 10 a.m. and November 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Lewis and Clark: November 4 at 10 a.m.

Drums and Dances of Africa: October 15 at 10 a.m. and October 16 at 10:30 a.m.

The American Musical: October 27 at 10 a.m. and November 12 and 10:30 a.m.

Winter Wonderland: December 15 at 10 a.m.

## MORE...

The Sheldon/Virtual Education Concerts July 27, 2020

The status of winter/spring education concerts will be evaluated as the school year progresses, but the "Good Vibrations: The Science of Sound" program will take a hiatus during the 20-21 season, with the hopes of bringing a revamped program back for the 21-22 school year.

The virtual performances are free of charge, but registration is required. Contact The Sheldon's Education Coordinator, Katelyn Galenski, at 314-533-9900 ext. 33, <u>kgalenski@thesheldon.org</u> or register online at <u>TheSheldon.org</u>.

For a full list of Sheldon Education programs and concerts, visit <u>TheSheldon.org</u>.

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