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"SHELDON CLASSICS" SERIES PRESENTS SYMPHONY CONCERTMASTER, DAVID HALEN

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **David Halen, violin** on The Sheldon Classics series, Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Halen's program includes works by Dvorak, Grieg and Felix Mendelssohn. Also on the program is a new work for violin and piano by Mizzou composer Emily Shaw.

Symphony concertmaster David Halen began playing the violin at the age of 6 and earned his bachelor's degree at the age of 19. In that same year, he won the Music Teachers National Association Competition and was granted a Fulbright scholarship for study with Wolfgang Marschner at the Freiburg Hochschule für Musik in Germany. As co-founder and artistic director of the Innsbrook Institute, Halen coordinates a weeklong festival in June consisting of exciting musical performances and an enclave for aspiring artists. In August, he serves as artistic director of the Missouri River Festival of the Arts in Boonville, Missouri.

Halen has also soloed, taught and served as Concertmaster at the Orford Arts Centre in Quebec, the Manhattan School of Music, Indiana University, the National Orchestra Institute at the University of Maryland, the Academy of the West in Santa Barbara and the New World Symphony in Miami Beach. In 2007, he was appointed Distinguished Visiting Artist at Yale University, and at the new Robert Mcduffie Center for Strings at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. In the fall of 2012, Halen joined the string faculty of the University of Michigan.

Tickets are \$30 orchestra / \$25 balcony 1 / \$15 balcony 2 / \$10 students & teachers, and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, through The Sheldon's website at <u>TheSheldon.org</u>, or in person at The Fox Theatre Box Office, 534 N. Grand Blvd. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit <u>TheSheldon.org</u>.

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