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UKRAINIAN BAND DAKHABRAKHA GAINS SUPPORT FOR HOME COUNTRY THROUGH MUSIC - MAKE SHELDON DEBUT ON THE WHITAKER WORLD MUSIC CONCERTS SERIES -

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **DakhaBrakha**, Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. This concert is part of the 2022 Whitaker World Music Concerts series, marking the 4th year of this popular world music showcase, funded with the generous support of the Whitaker Foundation. Through this series, the Whitaker Foundation has allowed The Sheldon to take its commitment to "Arts Without Borders" to the international level, connecting St. Louisans to a broad range of world cultures through music.

In the years since they came together in 2004, **DakhaBrakha** has toured the world many times over, with political activism, including calls to "Stop Putin!," part of their longtime messaging. The group has turned up the volume on their activism in the months leading up to the Russian-Ukrainian war, and a month into the conflict, were able to escape from their home city of Kyiv to start touring once again. They are now performing throughout the world to support Ukraine and raise money and awareness as cultural and humanitarian ambassadors. Their music has stood to unite Ukrainians while gaining support and solidarity for their homeland.

Reflecting fundamental elements of sound and soul, the self-described "ethno-chaos" band creates a world of unique and unexpected new music. Accompanied by Indian, Arabic, African, Russian and Australian traditional instrumentation, the quartet's powerful and uncompromising vocal range creates a trans-national sound rooted in Ukrainian culture. They strive to expand the potential of Ukrainian melodies and to bring it to the hearts and consciousness of the younger generation in Ukraine and around the world.

Tickets for the concert are \$40 orchestra 1 / \$35 orchestra 2 / \$30 balcony 1 / \$25 balcony 2 / \$15 student 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. Click here for The Sheldon's full vaccination and testing policy.

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