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APRIL IS MUSIC FOR LIFELONG ACHIEVEMENT MONTH AT THE SHELDON - Instrument Donations Accepted Throughout the Month of April -

ST. LOUIS - April is Music For Lifelong Achievement (MFLA) month at The Sheldon! This year, MFLA's April instrument collection drive benefits St. Louis-area schools and organizations, distributing musical instruments to those in need. Instrument and monetary donations ensure that kids of all backgrounds are given the opportunity to grow and express themselves through the power of music.

Donations of used (or new) musical instruments will be accepted in person at The Sheldon throughout the month of April, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., during regular administrative hours; during Sheldon Art Gallery hours, Tuesday-Friday, noon – 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and at the box office at any Sheldon concert in April.

Don't have an instrument to donate? Financial contributions can help pay for necessary repairs of donated instruments, as well as accessories such as strings, reeds and sheet music. Call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit <u>TheSheldon.org</u> for more information or to make a donation. All donations are tax deductible.

Over the past 16 years, MFLA has distributed over 1,000 instruments to St. Louis-area schools and community music programs, including over 95 instruments this season. Music For Lifelong Achievement is part of the non-profit Sheldon Arts Foundation, an accredited 501c3 organization and is based at the Sheldon Concert Hall in St. Louis, Missouri.

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