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SHELDON GALA 2023 TO FEATURE INTERNATIONAL SOUNDS OF PINK MARTINI

- Annual Event Will Honor Sue and Irl Engelhardt and the Engelhardt Family Foundation -

Event: **The Sheldon's 2023 Gala featuring Pink Martini:**
                 Small Orchestra. Big Sound. Huge Night.

When: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Where: The Sheldon

Gala Patron Tickets: Gala tickets start at $500, and include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, valet parking, preferred concert seating, a tax deduction and more. Visit TheSheldon.org/events/2023Gala/ or call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900.

Concert-only: Concert-only tickets go on sale February 3 at 10 a.m.
Tickets are $66 orchestra / $61 front balcony / $56 rear balcony and are available through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or online at TheSheldon.org.

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon is pleased to announce the 2023 Sheldon Gala, featuring the sophisticated, international sounds of Pink Martini, Saturday, March 25, 2023. The event will honor longtime Sheldon supporters Sue and Irl Engelhardt, and the Engelhardt Family Foundation.

With a theme of *Small Orchestra. Big Sound. Huge Night.*, gala patrons will enjoy a magical evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in The Sheldon Ballroom, dinner in the newly renovated Konneker Room, the chance to view thought-provoking exhibitions in the Sheldon Art Galleries, and finally a fun-filled musical adventure in the Sheldon Concert Hall with self-described "little orchestra" Pink Martini.

This very special evening is chaired by Michael and Susan Scully, is underwritten by the Steward Family Foundation and sponsored by the Engelhardt Family Foundation, with support from Paradowski Creative and Advertisers Printing.

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The success of the annual gala is crucial to the operation and preservation of The Sheldon. In a typical year, The Sheldon hosts over 350 music, visual art and community events, and welcomes tens of thousands of students for music and art education programs. These programs are made possible in large part by generous individual, corporate and foundation support of the annual gala.

Proceeds benefit the concerts, gallery exhibitions and educational programs of The Sheldon. Learn more about how The Sheldon impacts the St. Louis community:

About the Artist:

Now in their 28th year of performing, Pink Martini was founded by bandleader/pianist Thomas M. Lauderdale in 1994 to provide beautiful and inclusive performances at fundraisers and galas for progressive causes, with a style inspired by Latin, big band, classical and the Golden Age of Hollywood. Lauderdale's friend from their time at Harvard, China Forbes, soon moved to Portland to become lead singer, and they released their landmark album *Sympathique* in 1997. Soon this "little orchestra" was touring the globe with a dozen or more musicians, singing their culturally inclusive music in over 20 languages, and performing at legendary venues such as Carnegie Hall, Royal Albert Hall, the Sydney Opera House and the Hollywood Bowl. The band has released nine studio albums and numerous side projects on its own label, Heinz Records, and is proud to call Oregon home.

About The Sheldon:

From its beginnings as the Ethical Society of St. Louis, to its history as the birthplace of the St. Louis League of Women Voters and a headquarters for civil rights organizers in the 1960s, The Sheldon has a history of breaking down the barriers that divide us as a community. Today, as one of the premiere arts and culture organizations in the country, The Sheldon continues to welcome the St. Louis community to enjoy "Arts Without Borders" - making the role of "arts lover" accessible to all.

Arts Without Borders: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGM3rQn8b1E

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