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"SONGS WE LOVE" TAKES THE AUDIENCE ON A JOURNEY THROUGH 50 YEARS OF JAZZ ON SHELDON RHYTHM & JAZZ SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents**, **Songs We Love** as part of The Sheldon Rhythm & Jazz series, on Saturday, February 18 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. This program does not include Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis.

"Songs We Love" takes the listener on a journey through the first 50 years of jazz. Under the musical direction of Riley Mulherkar, three guest vocalists join an all-star band made up of New York's rising stars to sing their way through four decades of music, beginning with the early blues and jazz of the 1920s and ending in the early 1950s. Iconic singers to be explored include Ma Rainey, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland.

For over three decades, Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) has been a leading advocate for jazz, culture, and arts education globally. The **Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents** touring initiative provides an opportunity to present great jazz programming, featuring up-and-coming musicians who have been identified as rising stars by JALC. The initiative also allows for expansion of the mission of JALC "to entertain, enrich and expand a global community for jazz through performance, education, and advocacy."

Tickets are \$50 orchestra / \$45 balcony 1 / \$40 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.

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