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THE SHELDON'S "PICNICS ON THE PLAZA" RETURN TO STEWARD FAMILY PLAZA THIS SPRING

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Sheldon is pleased to announce that "**Picnics on the Plaza**" will return to The Sheldon's Steward Family Plaza starting May 21. This spring's concerts have an international flair, featuring artists with roots in Brazil, Turkey and Great Britain. The casual, outdoor events feature live music by some of St. Louis' best musicians in the elegant setting of the plaza, while guests enjoy a boxed picnic dinner and drinks at tables of two to four people.

"Picnics on the Plaza" Spring Schedule:

Samba Bom, Sunday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

For over 20 years, Samba Bom has brought the joy and energy of authentic Brazilian music and dance to the St. Louis music scene. Under the direction of Brazil native Mo Marchini, the acclaimed group performs samba, bossa nova, Brazilian jazz and more, kicking off the summer season with the rhythmic sounds of Carnaval.

Feyza Eren & Ptah Williams, Friday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Feyza Eren is an internationally known jazz vocalist who has been active in multiple countries, including 15 years in Turkey before returning to her native St. Louis. Her eclectic body of work includes jazz, popular and traditional genres as well as television and film. She will be performing as a duo with Ptah Williams, one of St. Louis' finest jazz pianists.

The Gaslight Squares, Sunday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Led by British trumpeter and historian T.J Múller, The Gaslight Squares perform authentic 1920s- and '30s-era jazz music with gusto and charisma. They have quickly become one of St. Louis' top traditional jazz and ragtime ensembles, with regular performances throughout the city, including a regular gig at Yaqui's on Cherokee every Thursday night.

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Tickets for each event are \$20 for a table of up to two guests, and \$40 for a table of up to four guests. Attendees will have the option to pre-purchase a picnic dinner. Bottles of wine will also be available for pre-purchase and an on-site bar will be available the night of each concert. Picnic dinners must be ordered the Wednesday prior to each performance.

Advance registration is required. No tables will be sold on the night of the event.

Tickets are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or at <u>The Sheldon.org</u>. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit <u>TheSheldon.org</u>.

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