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**SHELDON 2021 GALA WELCOMES BACK OLD FRIENDS FOR VIRTUAL “FAMILY REUNION”  
- HOSTED BY CHRIS THILE -**

**Event: The Sheldon’s 2021 Gala: Family Reunion – hosted by Chris Thile**

**When:** Saturday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Online (in-person experiences available at select patron/sponsor levels)

**Gala Patron Tickets:** Gala tickets start at \$500, and include dinner, access to live concert stream, tax deduction and more. Visit [TheSheldon.org/events/Gala2021/](https://TheSheldon.org/events/Gala2021/) or call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900.

**Concert stream-only: FREE** with donations accepted before, during and after the broadcast. Registration is requested at [TheSheldon.org/events/Gala2021/](https://TheSheldon.org/events/Gala2021/).

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon is pleased to announce the 2021 Sheldon Gala: FAMILY REUNION, a virtual celebration designed to share with The Sheldon’s beloved “family of friends” throughout the St. Louis area and around the country. Hosted by Grammy-winning singer/songwriter and mandolinist Chris Thile, this special live-streaming event will feature performances by some of The Sheldon’s favorite performers from over the past three decades, including Thile, Wynton Marsalis, John Pizzarelli, Dianne Reeves and Peter Martin, and more. Select donor levels include exclusive in-person experiences.

The Sheldon’s 2021 Gala is co-chaired by Orv Kimbrough and Michael Williams. Proceeds benefit the concerts, gallery exhibitions and educational programs of The Sheldon.

Multiple Grammy Award-winner and MacArthur Fellow **Chris Thile**, a member of Punch Brothers and Nickel Creek, and now the host of the radio program, *Live from Here*, is a mandolin virtuoso, composer and vocalist. With his broad outlook that encompasses classical, rock, jazz and bluegrass, Thile transcends the borders of traditional genres, creating a distinctly American canon and a new musical aesthetic for performers and audiences alike.

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