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PERCUSSIONIST HERLIN RILEY BRINGS A SWINGING BODY OF NEW MUSIC TO SHELDON RHYTHM & JAZZ SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Herlin Riley** as part of The Sheldon Rhythm & Jazz series on Saturday, November 20 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall.

New Orleans native Herlin Riley presents a swinging body of new music that defines the style and spirit of the Crescent City. Emerging as a young percussionist in the late '70s and early '80s, he has played with influential and demanding improvisers such as pianist Ahmad Jamal and trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, bringing his commanding yet elegant rhythmic presence to the ensemble. Now with the release of his debut recording for Mack Avenue Records, Riley's *New Direction* is an engaging, wide-ranging recital that distills a lifetime of experience into one album.

Beginning September 2, 2021, anyone aged 12 or older, attending a ticketed event at The Sheldon, will be asked to show proof of full vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 48 hours before time of entry into the event. Patrons should be prepared to show their vaccination card, or proof of negative COVID test, or a photo of their vaccination card or test results on their mobile devices, before entering The Sheldon. Self-administered tests will not be accepted. The Sheldon will also maintain a flexible ticket exchange policy throughout the season to accommodate any health and safety-related concerns.

Tickets are \$45 orchestra / \$40 balcony 1 / \$35 balcony 2 / \$15 student and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 and through The Sheldon's website at <u>TheSheldon.org</u>. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit <u>TheSheldon.org</u>.

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