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“PNC PICNICS ON THE PLAZA” RETURN TO THE SHELDON THIS SPRING

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Sheldon is pleased to announce that **“PNC Picnics on the Plaza,”** an outdoor concert series introduced last fall and now sponsored by PNC Bank, will return to The Sheldon’s Steward Family Plaza starting May 14. These casual, outdoor concerts will 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 assigned, socially-distanced tables of two to four people. Capacity is limited for each event.

“PNC Picnics on the Plaza” Schedule:

Farishid Etniko Duo, Friday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Farshid Etniko is an Iranian-American performer and composer who combines jazz standards and Latin beats with Middle Eastern flavor. One of St. Louis' most popular and enduring performers, Farshid has performed at festivals, venues and clubs throughout the region for more than three decades. His plaza performance will feature Joey Ferber on guitar.

Erika Johnson, Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Jazz and blues vocalist Erika Johnson has been a fixture on the St. Louis music scene for two decades. The East St. Louis-native studied under Ron Carter and went on to perform for years with late jazz legend Willie Akins. After taking some time off from performing to teach and mentor aspiring young singers, she has re-emerged with recent performances at Blue Strawberry and on Jazz St. Louis' Season of Stream, bringing her mix of classic standards and surprising contemporary tunes to the stage.

Tru Born, Friday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Louis native Tru Born (Anthony Michael Peterson), is a guitarist, singer-songwriter, lap steel player, music educator and author. He studied classical guitar at St. Louis Conservatory of Music, then went on to Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he graduated and became a faculty member. He moved to New York to extend his career, touring and working with fellow St. Louisan Oliver Lake, Joan Baez, Janis Ian, Cassandra Wilson, Peter Gabriel and George Benson. He also played with saxophonist Branford Marsalis while on tour in St. Louis at Jazz at the Bistro.

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TJ Muller Trio, Friday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Sharing his passion for music and history in every performance, T.J Muller performs authentic 1920s- and '30s-era jazz music with gusto and charisma, leading various ensembles throughout the St. Louis-area, ranging from duos to a full 12-piece dance orchestra.

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 (credit card sales only). Picnic dinners must be ordered by the Wednesday prior to each performance.

Advance registration is required. No tables will be sold on the night of the event. Guests ages 9 and above are required to wear face masks except when seated at their reserved tables.

Tickets are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or at [The Sheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org)! For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

Health and Safety Guidelines:

The following practices will be in place to ensure the health and wellness of The Sheldon's patrons, artists and staff during "PNC Picnics on the Plaza:"

- All guests ages 9 and above are required to wear face masks at all times except when seated at their reserved tables.
- Tables will be assigned. Groupings must be from the same household or quarantine group.
- Tables will be spaced at least 6 feet apart, and musicians will be distanced at least 12 feet from the nearest table.
- Guests will check in with Sheldon staff at an outdoor table, fitted with a plexiglass barrier. Guests who ordered picnic dinners will pick up their meals at the registration table upon check in. All food will be pre-paid, boxed meals provided by a licensed caterer and distributed upon check in by Sheldon staff wearing clean gloves and masks, and in a "no-contact" transfer.

For full health and safety measures, click on the individual event links at TheSheldon.org.

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