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THE SHELDON ANNOUNCES ITS 2020-2021 CONCERT SEASON

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon is pleased to announce its 2020-2021 concert season, to take place in the intimate and acoustically perfect Sheldon Concert Hall. The season includes four signature series – the Sheldon Rhythm & Jazz series, Sheldon Folk, Sheldon Classics, and Coffee Concerts, which will be available by subscription beginning May 11 at 10 a.m. through The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or at TheSheldon.org.

Among the artists scheduled for the season are **Rosanne Cash, Southern Journey: Ranky Tanky and Dom Flemons, Philadelphia Reunion Band featuring Joey DeFrancesco and Kevin Eubanks, Todd Snider and Ramblin' Jack Elliot, Kurt Elling, The 442s** and many more. The series also showcase many local favorites including **Erin Bode, Janet Evra and Anita Jackson**.

Subscribers may add “Special Concerts” to their subscription order, before they go on sale to the general public, including **Pat Metheny, Yonder Mountain String Band, Drew and Ellie Holcomb** and more. The Sheldon is also pleased to announce the third year of **Whitaker World Music Concerts**, featuring **Flamenco Vivo, Paris Combo and Zakir Hussain**.

The Sheldon will also continue to offer the popular “Choose Your Own” Series, designed for busy music lovers whose schedule makes it difficult to attend all concerts in a particular series. “All-Access” tickets, which provide premium seating, free parking, use of the Patrons Lounge and artist merchandise, will also be available for select concerts.

Sheldon Rhythm & Jazz series tickets are \$160 orchestra / \$140 balcony; Sheldon Folk series tickets are \$200 orchestra / \$180 balcony; Sheldon Classics series tickets are \$80 orchestra / \$65 balcony; and Coffee Concerts are \$75 orchestra / \$65 balcony. All new subscriptions will go on sale Monday, May 11 at 10 a.m. and sales will continue through the first concert in each series. To order subscription tickets, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

Single tickets for all concerts (unless otherwise noted) go on sale August 8 at 10 a.m. through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or at TheSheldon.org.

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SHELDON RHYTHM & JAZZ

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Philadelphia Reunion Band

November 14, 2020

Joey DeFrancesco, Kevin Eubanks, Orrin Evans & Lil John Roberts

Four favorite sons of the City of Brotherly Love come together for an evening of swinging jazz and real-deal funk when Hammond B-3 organ marvel Joey DeFrancesco bring his Philadelphia Reunion Band to The Sheldon. The Philly native will unleash his chops in the company of fellow Philadelphians, guitarist Kevin Eubanks, drummer Lil John Roberts and pianist Orrin Evans, for this historic reunion!

\$50 orchestra / \$45 balcony 1 / \$40 balcony 2 / \$15 student

The Great Guitars

January 30, 2021

Featuring Martin Taylor, Frank Vignola and John Jorgenson

Three guitar virtuosos create musical magic with “one night, three award-winning guitarists, eighteen strings.” The Great Guitars™ traces its colorful heritage back to the 1970s when the legendary jazz guitarists of that era toured the world and recorded together. Combining Taylor’s award-winning virtuosic fingerstyle with Vignola’s jaw-dropping technique and Jorgenson’s incredible musical versatility, the concert features solo, duet and trio performances by these three acknowledged masters of fingerstyle and hot jazz guitar.

\$40 orchestra / \$35 balcony 1 / \$30 balcony 2 / \$15 student

Bessie, Billie & Nina - Pioneering Women in Jazz

March 6, 2021

Featuring Charenée Wade, Camille Thurman and Tahira Clayton

Produced by Grammy-winning Eli Wolf and with arrangements by pianist and musical director Carmen Staff, this exciting performance features three dynamic vocalists, each a rising star in her own right. Presented in affiliation with Women in Jazz Organization and backed by an all-female band, Wade, Thurman and Clayton celebrate the enduring legacies of these iconic women and artists with performances of their classic songs.

\$40 orchestra / \$35 balcony 1 / \$30 balcony 2 / \$15 student

Kurt Elling

May 1, 2021

Kurt Elling’s unmistakable voice and dynamic repertoire have made him one of today’s most compelling jazz vocalists. From his daring takes on timeless standards, to his emotionally resonant originals, Elling’s performances have been hailed by *The Washington Post* as “suffused with graciousness, beauty, and, on occasion, heartbreak.

\$45 orchestra / \$40 balcony 1 / \$35 balcony 2 / \$15 student

Co-Sponsored by Ken and Nancy Kranzberg

Subscription Price: \$160 orchestra / \$140 balcony (Best Value!)

Rhythm and Jazz is sponsored by The Steward Family Foundation and World Wide Technology, Inc.

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SHELDON FOLK

Fridays at 8 p.m.

Southern Journey

October 9, 2020

Featuring Ranky Tanky and Dom Flemons

South Carolina natives and *Billboard* chart-toppers Ranky Tanky, along with Dom Flemons, the Grammy-winning co-founder of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, perform the timeless music of The Gullah culture. From playful game songs to ecstatic shouts, from heartbreaking spirituals to delicate lullabies, Ranky Tanky presents a joyful celebration of this African-American music, born in South Carolina's low country.

\$45 orchestra / \$40 balcony 1 / \$35 balcony 2

Todd Snider and Ramblin' Jack Elliot

November 20, 2020

Todd Snider is known for humorous, though often poignant, lyrics delivered in classic troubadour style. A slyly intelligent songwriter, his live shows combine acclaimed musicianship and endearing storytelling for a one-of-a-kind night of modern folk music. He is joined by legendary folk singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott, one of the last true links to America's early folk music traditions, and an inspiration to generations of folk artists including Bob Dylan, Kris Kristofferson and The Grateful Dead.

\$40 orchestra / \$35 balcony 1 / \$30 balcony 2

Rosanne Cash

February 12, 2021

For over three decades, Rosanne Cash has been one of the most compelling figures in popular music and one of America's pre-eminent musicians, having moved gracefully from Nashville stardom to acclaim as a singer-songwriter. The Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter has recorded 15 albums and has earned 11 No. 1 singles, blurring the genres of country, rock, roots and pop, with her emotionally resonant, unsparingly honest songwriting.

\$50 orchestra / \$45 balcony 1 / \$40 balcony 2

Croce Sings Croce

March 19, 2021

Soulful singer A.J. Croce pays tribute to his father, the late, great Jim Croce, with a heartfelt night of music and stories featuring Jim Croce's enduring songs, such as "Time in A Bottle" and "Operator," as well as A.J.'s own tunes, and songs that influenced both father and son. An accomplished songwriter and virtuoso pianist, A.J. Croce has released 10 albums, spanning genres from blues and jazz to pop and rock and roll.

\$40 orchestra / \$35 balcony 1 / \$30 balcony 2

Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives

April 16, 2021

"The Psychedelic Jam-Bo-Ree"

Known for both his traditional style, and eclectic merging of rockabilly, honky tonk and traditional country music, Marty Stuart has become the torchbearer for classic country and bluegrass. Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives celebrate the influential country music and unforgettable songs of the 1960s in this high-spirited, one-of-a-kind Jam-Bo-Ree!

\$45 orchestra / \$40 balcony 1 / \$35 balcony 2

(Single tickets on sale to the general public Friday, August 28)

Sponsored by Dick and Patti Marriott

Subscription Price: \$200 orchestra/\$180 balcony (Best Value!)

Sheldon Folk is welcomed by KDHX

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SHELDON CLASSICS

Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

MUSIC THAT MATTERS - Top St. Louis musicians play music that matters – sharing with you the composers and works that mean the most to them personally.

A reception follows each of the three concerts, giving you an opportunity to meet the artists.

Roger Kaza, French horn

January 20, 2021

Roger Kaza, St. Louis Symphony Principal Horn, is joined by pianist Peter Henderson in an exploration of four centuries of glorious music for French horn, including a visit to its primal origins in the forests of Europe. On the program are works by Handel, Mozart, Brahms and Olivier Messiaen's *Appel Interstellaire* from the suite *Des Canyons aux étoiles*.

\$30 orchestra / \$25 balcony 1 / \$15 balcony 2 / \$10 student

David Halen, violin

March 3, 2021

Symphony concertmaster David Halen performs music for violin - works by Brahms, Mozart and Beethoven - that have been the foundation of his musical life. Enjoy the pieces that have been most meaningful to him, and continue to motivate his love of music!

\$30 orchestra / \$25 balcony 1 / \$15 balcony 2 / \$10 student

The 442s

April 7, 2021

Composer and multi-instrumentalist Adam Maness and renowned jazz bassist Bob DeBoo, along with three members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra - violinist Shawn Weil, violist Michael Casmir and cellist Bjorn Ranheim - perform material from their newest recording projects, as well as commissioned works by Paul Reuter and a composer from the Mizzou New Music Initiative.

\$30 orchestra / \$25 balcony 1 / \$15 balcony 2 / \$10 student

Subscription Price: \$80 orchestra/\$65 balcony (Best Value!)

Sheldon Classics is welcomed by RAF-STL

ALARM WILL SOUND

Friday, January 15, 2021

Described as "equal parts exuberance, nonchalance and virtuosity" by the *Financial Times* of London and as "a triumph of ensemble playing" by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Alarm Will Sound is a 20-member chamber orchestra that focuses on recordings and performances of contemporary classical music.

Tickets: \$20 general admission / \$10 student

Sponsored by the Sinquefeld Charitable Foundation and the Mizzou New Music Initiative

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COFFEE CONCERTS

Enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries at 9 a.m. in the beautiful Louis Spiering Room, just before these one-hour concerts at 10 a.m. in the historic Sheldon Concert Hall. (** indicates subscription series date)

Erin Bode

Tues. & Wed., October 13 & 14, 2020**

In the decade-plus since vocalist Erin Bode began her professional recording career, she has garnered critical praise for her pure voice, perfect pitch, and impressive phrasing and style. It is this talent, coupled with her ability to transcend genres, that has led to reviews hailing her as “someone you won’t forget.” Sophisticated arrangements and attention to phrasing, both vocal and instrumental, further distinguish her group’s fresh sound. Bode and her band plays music from her several releases and the Great American Songbook.

\$18 orchestra / \$15 balcony

Dean Christopher

Tues. & Wed., November 10 & 11, 2020**

Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime: A Tribute to Dean Martin

Journey through the music and humor of one of the most beloved entertainers of the 20th century, brought to life by award-winning actor, singer and impressionist Dean Christopher, featuring Joe Dreyer on piano.

\$18 orchestra / \$15 balcony

Winter Wonderland

Tues. & Wed., Dec. 8 & 9, 2020**

featuring Zoe Vonder Haar, John Flack, Ben Nordstrom, Emily Kuhn and Steve Neale

Kick off your holidays with the festive sounds of the season! Zoe Vonder Haar is one of St. Louis’ most acclaimed musical theatre performers, with national touring roles and awards for her work at STAGES St. Louis and The Muny to her credit. Join Zoe and some of St. Louis’ finest singers for this fun-filled, fast-paced morning of winter and holiday favorites, old and new.

\$18 orchestra / \$15 balcony

Janet Evra

Tues. & Wed., March 16 & 17, 2021**

Vocalist, bassist, composer and songwriter Janet Evra performs on premier stages across the U.S. and Europe, blending traditional bossa nova, samba and Latin jazz with a modern twist. Performing songs in English, Portuguese, Spanish and French, Evra’s Coffee Concert debut will revisit French favorites from Edith Piaf and Charles Trenet, including “La Mer” “La Vie en Rose.” She will also explore some newer contributions to the French jazz genre from contemporary artists such as Pink Martini, Cyrille Aimee and Koop.

\$18 orchestra / \$15 balcony

Anita Jackson

Tues. & Wed., April 20 & 21, 2021**

Soulful and swinging, one of St. Louis’ premier ladies of song, Anita Jackson, makes her Coffee Concert series debut. Jackson has appeared as a featured vocalist with several jazz, R&B, blues and gospel groups around St. Louis, leaving a lasting impact with her powerful voice and commanding stage presence.

\$18 orchestra / \$15 balcony

Subscription Price: \$75 orchestra / \$65 balcony (Tuesday mornings only) (Best Value!)

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Whitaker World Music Concerts

Thanks to a generous grant from the Whitaker Foundation, The Sheldon is pleased to bring the best music from around the globe directly to The Sheldon stage.

Before the concerts, you'll have the opportunity to view an exhibit of South Asian and Oceanic instruments from The Sheldon's Hartenberger World Music Collection in the Sheldon Art Galleries.

Flamenco Vivo - Carlota Santana

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 8 p.m.

Experience the powerful spirit of flamenco with America's premier Spanish dance company! Based in New York, Flamenco Vivo, led by co-founder Carlota Santana, performs throughout the country, building bridges between cultures, performing original choreography and music combined with dramatic, cutting edge works.

"An infectiously joyful celebration of music and dance!" - *The New York Times*

\$40 orchestra 1 / \$35 orchestra 2 / \$30 balcony 1 / \$25 balcony 2 / \$15 student

Paris Combo

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 8 p.m.

Paris Combo has travelled the globe for over two decades, creating an international following with their unique, cosmopolitan sound. Fronted by charismatic vocal chanteuse Belle du Berry, the combo has impressed critics and audiences alike with their fun-loving mix of hot club jazz, cabaret, French pop and Latino and Middle Eastern rhythms.

\$40 orchestra 1 / \$35 orchestra 2 / \$30 balcony 1 / \$25 balcony 2 / \$15 student

Zakir Hussain – Masters of Percussion

Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 8 p.m.

Widely considered the father of the contemporary world music movement and a classical tabla virtuoso, percussionist Zakir Hussain is an international phenomenon. One of the most influential musicians of the past 50 years, and co-founder of the legendary fusion band Shakti, Hussain is known for his masterful improvisations and brilliant live performances.

\$50 orchestra 1 / \$45 orchestra 2 / \$40 balcony 1 / \$30 balcony 2 / \$15 student

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SPECIAL CONCERTS

Add variety to your series with these special concerts you won't want to miss!

Ulysses Quartet

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 8 p.m.

Praised for their "avid enthusiasm ... (with) chops to back up their passion" (*San Diego Story*), the Ulysses String Quartet has earned accolades around the world since forming in 2015. Consisting of Christina Bouey and Rhiannon Banerdt on violin, Colin Brookes on viola and Grace Ho on cello, the Ulysses Quartet believes in the power of music to inspire, enlighten and bring people together.

\$30 orchestra / \$25 balcony 1 / \$15 balcony 2 / \$10 student

Friends of The Sheldon Benefit

Pat Metheny

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 8 p.m.

Grammy-winning guitarist Pat Metheny is one of today's most exciting jazz musicians, blurring the boundaries of musical genres and always innovating with his progressive, forward-thinking style. The Lee's Summit native has continually broken musical ground - from his early days with Jaco Pastorius and Roy Haynes, to his legendary Pat Metheny Trio recordings, to his latest project/ensemble, Side-Eye. This special performance benefits Sheldon Educational Programs.

Patron tickets: \$200

Concert-only tickets: \$100 orchestra 1 / \$75 orchestra 2 / \$65 balcony 1 / \$55 balcony 2

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Patron tickets to support The Sheldon are on sale now and include preferred seating, complimentary parking, a pre-concert reception, and a tax deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314.533.9900.

Single tickets go on sale August 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. but **subscribers can request single tickets with their subscription order!** Tickets will be assigned before the general on sale date.

Yonder Mountain String Band

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 8 p.m.

For the past 20 years, Yonder Mountain String Band has redefined bluegrass music, expanding the traditional acoustic genre beyond its previously established boundaries. Melding sophisticated song craft with amazing instrumental skill, YMSB have attracted a devout following of fans across the country with their intensely personal brand of contemporary Americana music.

\$40 orchestra 1 / \$35 orchestra 2 / \$30 balcony

"A cast of likable characters that let their joyous spirits and ace instrumental capabilities do the talking."

- Glide Magazine

The Count Basie Orchestra

Friday, November 6, 2020 at 8 p.m.

One of the most vital jazz orchestras touring today, the world-renowned Count Basie Orchestra carries on the legacy of its legendary founder, 85 years after its first performance. Led by Scotty Barnhart, the orchestra includes members personally selected by Count Basie before his death over 30 years ago, and some of today's most electrifying young jazz musicians, performing the unmistakable swinging sound that catapulted the Count Basie Orchestra to international acclaim!

\$40 orchestra / \$35 balcony 1 / \$30 balcony 2

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An Evening with Drew & Ellie Holcomb**Friday, February 26, 2021 at 8 p.m.**

Husband and wife Americana duo Drew and Ellie Holcomb earned acclaim touring together with Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors, supporting national touring acts including Ryan Adams, The Avett Brothers and Willie Nelson. No longer a touring member of "The Neighbors," Ellie and has found success in a solo career as a Christian singer/songwriter, while Drew still tours nationally with Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors. Don't miss this very special evening when the Holcombs will once again collaborate!

\$43 orchestra 1 / \$37 orchestra 2 / \$32 balcony

Mark O'Connor Band**Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 8 p.m.**

Violinist Mark O'Connor's creative journey has melded his diverse musical influences into a new American Classical music, combining his classical and folk music roots. The Grammy-winning O'Connor Band presents a dynamic show featuring compelling arrangements, virtuosic solos, and tight vocal harmonies. Showcasing O'Connor's family members Maggie O'Connor, fiddle; Forrest O'Connor, mandolin and vocals; and Kate Lee, fiddle and vocals, the band is rounded out with National Flatpick Guitar Champion Joe Smart.

\$40 orchestra / \$35 balcony 1 / \$30 balcony 2

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