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"THE GREAT GUITARS" CLOSE THE RHYTHM & JAZZ SERIES AT THE SHELDON

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **The Great Guitars, featuring Martin Taylor, Frank Vignola and John Jorgenson** as part of The Sheldon Rhythm & Jazz series on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall.

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.

Martin Taylor is widely recognized as the world's foremost exponent of solo fingerstyle jazz guitar playing, with a record 15 British Jazz Awards, Top 10 albums in the U.S> and Europe and an MBE from the Queen of Great Britain. His innovative online guitar school now teaches guitarists in over 60 countries.

Frank Vignola is highly regarded as one of the most accomplished, multi-dimensional players in the world today. Les Paul added him to his "Five Most Admired Guitar List" for the *Wall Street Journal* while *The New York Times* deemed Vignola as "one the brightest guitar stars."

John Jorgenson, known for his blistering guitar licks and mastery of a broad musical palette, has earned a reputation as a world-class musician, as evidenced by his collaborations with Earl Scruggs, Bonnie Raitt, Elton John, Luciano Pavarotti, Bob Dylan and many others.

Tickets are \$40 orchestra 1 / \$35 balcony 1 / \$30 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>. <u>Click here</u> for The Sheldon's full vaccination and testing policy.

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