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SHELDON ANNOUNCES SPRING “PICNICS ON THE PLAZA” SCHEDULE

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Sheldon is pleased to announce that “**Picnics on the Plaza**” will return to The Sheldon’s Steward Family Plaza starting May 20. 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, tables of two to four people. **“Picnics on the Plaza” are generously sponsored by Nancy and Ken Kranzberg.**

“Picnics on the Plaza” Spring Schedule:

Kevin Buckley, Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

One of St. Louis’ best-loved Celtic musicians, Kevin Buckley started taking Irish fiddle lessons at the age of 9 and spent his subsequent teenage years performing and competing all over the U.S. and Ireland, establishing himself as a leading proponent of Irish traditional music. Buckley recently released his debut solo album, *Big Spring*, and he can be found at his weekly performances at St. Louis’ treasured Irish pub, John D. McGurks, or online via his musical instruction website, String Village.

Kendrick Smith, Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

One of the emerging pillars of the St. Louis music scene, saxophonist, composer and educator Kendrick Smith was born and raised in East St. Louis, IL, and his talents were honed in high school, studying with legendary baritone saxophonist and founding member of the World Saxophone Quartet, Hamiet Bluiett. Following his studies at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville under the tutelage of pianist Reggie Thomas, Smith secured a residency at St. Louis’ Premier Lounge. As his star began to climb, a *New York Times* review stated, “Kendrick Smith was playing the alto saxophone like his life depended on it.” **Join us from 5-9 p.m. for First Fridays in Grand Center and the opening of Barbara McDonnell: Summer by the Mississippi in the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Gallery.**

Janet Evra, Sunday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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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. Picnic dinners must be ordered the Wednesday prior to each performance.

Advance registration is required. No tables will be sold on the night of the event.

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.

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