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## **STEEP CANYON RANGERS RETURN TO THE SHELDON FOLK SERIES**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Steep Canyon Rangers**, Friday, December 2 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of The Sheldon, performing as part of the 2022-2023 Sheldon Folk Series.

The Grammy Award-winning bluegrass group, often called upon by comedian and banjo-player Steve Martin as his backing band, have embarked on a journey that is uniquely their own, effortlessly walking the line between festival favorite and sophisticated string orchestra. Steep Canyon Rangers started at UNC-Chapel Hill, diving into bluegrass in its most traditional form. Over the ensuing years, the group has risen to the top of the genre, headlining prestigious festivals such as MerleFest and Grey Fox Bluegrass.

Steep Canyon Rangers are equally comfortable translating their songs for accompaniment by a full symphony. World-class musicians who are just as at home taking the stage at Carnegie Hall as they are knee-deep in a mountain brook, fly rod in hand, the group promises a night of progressive, high-energy string music. The Rangers are made up of Graham Sharp on banjo and vocals, Mike Guggino on mandolin/mandola and vocals, Aaron Burdett on guitar and vocals, Nicky Sanders on fiddle and vocals, Mike Ashworth on drums and vocals, and Barrett Smith on bass, guitar, and vocals.

Tickets are \$50 orchestra / \$45 balcony 1 / \$40 balcony 2, and on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 and through The Sheldon's website at [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org), For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

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