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## **RICKY SKAGGS RETURNS TO THE SHELDON JANUARY 27 WITH KENTUCKY THUNDER**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder**, Friday, January 27 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of The Sheldon. Fifteen-time Grammy® Award-winner Ricky Skaggs' career is among the most significant in recent country music history. His life's path has taken him to various musical genres while still leaving his musical roots intact.

Skaggs emerged as a professional bluegrass musician in 1971, joining bands such as the Clinch Mountain Boys, The Country Gentlemen and J.D. Crowe & the New South. He then led Boone Creek, which also featured dobro ace and fellow New South alumnus Jerry Douglas.

Skaggs became a recording artist in his own right in 1981 when his Epic label debut album *Waitin' for the Sun to Shine* topped the country charts and yielded a pair of #1 hits. Additionally, he garnered eight Country Music Association Awards—including the coveted Entertainer of the Year trophy, in 1985.

Skaggs' 1997 album *Bluegrass Rules* marked a triumphant return to bluegrass—which he's solidified ever since with a series of GRAMMY® Award winning albums, recorded with his amazing bluegrass band, Kentucky Thunder - 8-time winners of the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) "Instrumental Group of the Year."

In the past decade, he has been honored with inductions into the Gospel Music Association's Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Musicians Hall of Fame. In 2018, Skaggs was also awarded membership into the National Fiddler Hall of Fame, the IBMA Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and country music's greatest honor, the Country Music Hall of Fame. Most recently, he was awarded the prestigious National Medal of Arts in 2020 for his contributions to the American music industry.

Tickets are \$56 orchestra 1 / \$49 orchestra 2 / \$43 balcony, 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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