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THE SHELDON AND ST. LOUIS CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY PRESENT DUO NOIRE

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon, St. Louis Classical Guitar Society and Music Folk present Duo Noire, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Formed while they were attending the Yale School of Music together, Thomas Flippin and Chris Mallett have each been prize winners in multiple national and international guitar competitions. They return, after their successful debut performances here in St. Louis 2011.

Comprised of the groundbreaking American classical guitarists Thomas Flippin and Christopher Mallett, Duo Noire, whose name has a French translation of both "black" and "quarter note," were the first African-American guitarists in the history of the Yale School of Music. They have collectively gone on to perform across the United States at prestigious venues such as the Norfolk Music Festival, the 92nd Street Y, Le Poisson Rouge, the Times Center, and for the St. Louis Guitar Society as Artists-in-Residence. They have collaborated with acclaimed musicians such as Jason and Alicia Hall Moran, Eighth Blackbird's Lisa Kaplan, and the Juilliard composer collective Blind Ear Music. Duo Noire has also performed for several prestigious music festivals and guitar masterclasses in the U.S., including The Aspen Music Festival with Sharon Isbin, the Peabody Guitar Masterclass with Manuel Barrueco, Pepe Romero, Eliot Fisk, Christopher Parkening and the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, among others.

Currently, Flippin is on faculty at Concordia College and the Music Conservatory of Westchester in New York, and Mallett is the co-founder of the California Conservatory of Guitar.

Tickets are \$30 and \$26 student/seniors, and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, through The Sheldon's website at TheSheldon.org, or in person at The Fox Theatre Box Office, 534 N. Grand Blvd. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org. Guitar Society member tickets available through the society at 314-567-5566.

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