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### **AWARD-WINNING PIANIST DOMINIC CHELI DEBUTS AT THE SHELDON**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents pianist Dominic Cheli, January 12 at 3 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Twenty-year old St. Louis native Dominic Cheli performs the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Liszt and Samuel Barber. He is a senior at the Manhattan School of Music pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance under the tutelage of Andre-Michel Schub.

Cheli has been awarded 1st prize in numerous competitions, including St. Louis Chamber Orchestra's 2009 Young Artist Competition, Webster University Symphony Orchestra's 2008 Concerto Competition, and the 2007 St. Louis Italian-American Federation's Piano Competition. He is a recipient of the President's Merit Scholarship, the G.A. Jr. and Kathryn M. Buder Scholarship, and the Bright Flight Scholarship. Cheli has participated in master classes with renowned musicians, including Orli Shaham, Richard Goode, Claude Frank, Joseph Kalichstein, Stephen Hough, Clive Greensmith, Sylvia Rosenberg, Menahem Pressler and Yoheved Kaplinsky. He also performed for Jeremy Denk at the Rose Studio as part of the CMS masterclass series. He has performed with pianist Orli Shaham in her concert series "Baby Got Bach" and has been featured on the national radio show "From The Top."

General admission tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 students, and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, through The Sheldon's website at [TheSheldon.org](http://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](http://TheSheldon.org).

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