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ACCLAIMED SINGER/SONGWRITER GREG BROWN RETURNS TO THE SHELDON

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents Greg Brown, Friday, January 31, 2014 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. One of American folk music’s most prolific and profound singer/songwriters of the past three decades, Greg Brown has earned respect from his peers and passionately-devoted fan base. Known for his "wickedly sharp" *(Rolling Stone)* observations of the human condition and highly-entertaining live performances, the Grammy-nominee has more than a dozen albums to his credit. Brown's songwriting has been lauded by many, and his songs have been performed by Willie Nelson, Carlos Santana, Michael Johnson, Shawn Colvin and Mary Chapin Carpenter.

During the 1980s, Brown’s reputation was established through frequent touring and recurring performances on *A Prairie Home Companion*. After meeting Bob Feldman in 1983, the two founded the record label Red House Records, named after a home in which Brown lived in Iowa. Brown was Red House's first artist and Feldman became the president of the label. To date, over 200 recordings have been released on Red House by artists such as Pat Donohue, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Eliza Gilkyson, John Gorka, Lucy Kaplansky, John McCutcheon and many more. They celebrated their 30th anniversary in 2013.

Greg Brown himself has recorded more than a dozen albums, including his 1986 release, *Songs of Innocence and of Experience*, when he put aside his own songwriting to set poems by William Blake to music. His latest CD, *Hymns to What is Left*, is his 25th studio album. Recently Brown contributed two songs, recorded by film star Jeff Bridges, for the Oscar nominated movie “Crazy Heart.”

Tickets are $40 orchestra/$35 balcony, 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*.

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