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GUMBOHEAD TO PERFORM AT THE SHELDON SATURDAY MORNING FOR MARDI GRAS

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Sheldon presents Gumbohead, Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 11 a.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. It's a Mardi Gras party! Inspired by New Orleans and southwest Louisiana, Gumbohead has been performing zydeco, funk, blues, jazz, R&B and more since 1999. The band's *zydeco* music can be defined as blues music that was created by Creole artists in Louisiana in the early 20th century, using memorable instruments such as accordion and washboard. Along with their traditional "second line" tunes, the collective also performs originals.

Current members include Andy Coco on bass and vocals, Tony Esterly on lead guitar, Tim Halpin on guitar and vocals, Tom Martin on keyboards and accordion, Ben Reece on sax and vocals, Benet Schaeffer on drums and vocals, and Ron Sikes on percussion, including the rubboard. You may find some of these players performing around town in other bands, such as the Funky Butt Brass Band and the Dogtown Allstars.

The group has opened for several legendary Louisiana artists including the Neville Brothers, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Buckwheat Zydeco and more. Their self-titled studio album is comprised of thirteen "rump-shaking" tunes that include five Gumbohead original tracks.

Tickets for Gumbohead are \$10 adult reserved/\$5 child reserved. 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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