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SARAH JAROSZ HEADLINES 3RD ANNUAL ST. LOUIS FOLK & ROOTS FESTIVAL

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon and 88.1 KDHX present Sarah Jarosz with Blue Canyon Boys and special guest Betse Ellis, Friday, September 26 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Jarosz appears as part of the 3rd Annual St. Louis Folk and Roots Festival, taking place September 26-28, celebrating folk and roots music, throughout Grand Center.

With dynamic songwriting and a fresh, authentic sound **Sarah Jarosz** brings roots music into the 21st century! The 22-year-old multi-instrumentalist and Grammy-nominee hails from Austin, TX, and has critics labeling her a “newgrass prodigy” for her skills on banjo, guitar and mandolin. Over the past four years, Jarosz has toured the United States extensively, as well as Canada and the UK, taped *Austin City Limits* and the BBC Series *The Transatlantic Sessions* and appeared on *A Prairie Home Companion*. She is supported on the road by all-star musicians Alex Hargreaves (fiddle) and Nathaniel Smith (cello) who have been performing with Jarosz since 2010 and are featured on her recent release, *Build Me Up From Bones*.

The Colorado-based **Blue Canyon Boys** blend sweet harmonies with virtuoso instrumental skill, making them one of the most popular festival bands touring today. Winners of the 2008 Telluride Bluegrass festival band contest, the Blue Canyon Boys have gone on to perform across the country and were selected to represent the United States and bluegrass music at the 14th annual Rainforest World Music Festival in Sarawak, Malaysia on the island of Borneo. Opening the concert is fiddler and songwriter **Betse Ellis**. Part old-time celebrant and part contemporary songwriter, Ellis blends traditional source material with her own original works. Citing influences from John Hartford to Joe Strummer, she transcends genres and pushes the boundaries of how folk music can be understood and imagined in the modern age.

Folk and Roots Festival Package: \$60 includes Friday and Saturday night concerts at The Sheldon, a late night Friday square dance, Saturday daytime workshops, Saturday night after party concert at The Stage at KDHX, and Sunday workshops and Old-Time Fiddle Contest. **Single 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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