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**LOS FOLKLORISTAS BRING TRADITIONAL SOUNDS OF MEXICO AND LATIN AMERICA  
TO THE SHELDON FOLK SERIES**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon and the Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis present Los Folkloristas, Friday, March 27 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. For over 45 years, Los Folkloristas have pioneered the preservation of folk music in their native Mexico and Latin America. The legendary group is devoted to the investigation of cultural expressions and the celebration of their folkloric roots, incorporating this knowledge into their repertoire. Having celebrated their 45th anniversary season in 2011, Los Folkloristas continue their mission to preserve and record the traditional music of their culture. Carrying more than 100 instruments in their collection, and performing music from up to 15 different countries and pre-Columbian Mexico, the seven-member ensemble takes the audience on a musical journey through Latin America.

Los Folkloristas was founded in 1966. They were honored in 1996 at the Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico with a special concert given in honor of their 30th anniversary and again on their 35th anniversary in 2001. They have recorded more than 30 albums worldwide and contributed to the soundtrack for the award-winning films “El Norte” and “Mi Familia.” Over the decades, 48 different musicians have been a part of the group.

Concert attendees are encouraged to visit the Sheldon Art Galleries before the concert and during intermission to view the exhibition, “A World of Music: Africa, Asia and Latin America - Instruments from the Hartenberger World Music Collection.”

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](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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