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SUZY BOGGUSS PAYS TRIBUTE TO MERLE HAGGARD ON FINAL CONCERT OF SHELDON FOLK SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents Suzy Bogguss: A Tribute to Merle Haggard, Friday, April 24 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. The *A Prairie Home Companion* regular returns to The Sheldon with her newest project, *Lucky*, a collection of songs all written by Merle Haggard. Making the country rebel’s compositions her own, Bogguss reinterprets classics like “The Bottle Let Me Down,” “Silver Wings” and “Today I Started Loving You Again,” from a female point of view. Bogguss says, “When I hear his songs, I feel like I’m listening in on someone’s life. I didn’t try to imitate Merle, this is my interpretation of his songs.”

Platinum selling singer Suzy Bogguss has already experienced a full career resulting in multiple Grammy and Country Music Association awards. In the 1980s and ‘90s, Bogguss released one platinum and three gold albums and charted six top 10 singles, winning the Academy of Country Music’s award for Top New Female Vocalist and the Country Music Association’s Horizon Award. After taking a brief recording hiatus in the mid-1990s to start a family with her husband, songwriter Doug Crider, she returned to the country music industry and appeared on the *Billboard* Hot Country Singles Chart in 2001. Bogguss has performed on many national television shows including: *In Performance At The White House* (PBS), *Austin City Limits*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Live With Regis And Kelly* and *The View*. In 2011 she released *American Folk Songbook*, a 17-song album and hardcover book with stories and sheet music, available online and nationally at Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores. Bogguss continues to record and perform around the country to a loyal following.

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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