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THE SHELDON ANNOUNCES 2015-2016 CONCERT SEASON

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon is pleased to announce its 2015-2016 concert season, to take place in the intimate and acoustically perfect Sheldon Concert Hall. The season includes five signature series – Sheldon Jazz, Sheldon Folk, Sheldon Classics, Saturday Matinees and Coffee Concerts, which will be available by subscription beginning May 11 at 10 a.m. through The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or TheSheldon.org. Among the artists scheduled for the season are **Cyrus Chestnut, The Kingston Trio, Eliane Elias, Rhonda Vincent, Danilo Pérez, The 442's, Tom Chapin, Ruthie Foster, David Halen, Kim Massie, Peter Martin**, and more.

Subscribers may also add “Special Concerts” to their subscription order, including a Friends of The Sheldon benefit concert with **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis**, ArtSounds! Gallery Gala featuring **Ramsey Lewis**, the 4th Annual Folk and Roots Festival, presented in partnership with KDHX, featuring the **Sam Bush Band**, up-and-coming opera singer **Julia Bullock**, and **Banu Gibson** presenting a tribute to Randy Newman.

The Sheldon will also continue to offer the popular “Choose Your Own” Series, designed for busy music lovers whose schedule makes it difficult to attend all concerts in a particular series. “All-Access” tickets, which provide premium seating, free parking, use of the Patrons Lounge and a backstage pass, will also be available for all Sheldon series concerts.

Sheldon Jazz series tickets are \$150 orchestra / \$135 balcony; Sheldon Folk series tickets are \$180 orchestra / \$160 balcony; Sheldon Classics series tickets are \$75 orchestra / \$60 balcony; Coffee Concerts are \$65 orchestra / \$55 balcony; and Saturday Matinee tickets are \$25 per adult subscription ticket / \$10 per child. All new subscriptions will go on sale Monday, May 11 at 10 a.m. and sales will continue through the first concert in each series. To order subscription tickets, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit www.TheSheldon.org.

Single tickets for all concerts (unless otherwise noted) go on sale August 8 at 10 a.m. through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or at www.TheSheldon.org.

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SHELDON JAZZ

Sheldon Jazz celebrates “the keys” with four amazing pianists, each with their own distinctive style.
Saturdays at 8 p.m.



Eliane Elias

November 21, 2015

Bossa nova pianist and singer Eliane Elias is known for her distinctive musical style, blending her Brazilian roots with an alluring voice and impressive compositional skills. With a Grammy Award-winning career that spans over 23 albums, Elias has collaborated with artists ranging from opera sensation Denyce Graves to jazz legend Herbie Hancock, earning her multiple awards and rave reviews.

\$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony/\$15 student



Billy Childs: Reimagining Laura Nyro

January 30, 2016

Grammy-winning pianist and composer Billy Childs pays homage to the great singer-songwriter Laura Nyro. With her blend of Broadway-inspired melodies, jazz and socially-conscious lyrics, Nyro enjoyed a string of soulful pop hits that continues to resonate today. In this heartfelt program, Childs is joined by vocalist Becca Stevens, who has lent her talents to a diverse array of projects with a range of contemporary musicians.

\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony/\$15 student



Danilo Pérez: Panama 500

February 27, 2016

Pianist Danilo Pérez weaves together jazz and Pan-American folkloric traditions with influences from European classical music on his most recent project, *Panama 500*. His blend of inspirations makes him the ideal musical chronicler of his country’s history and vibrant indigenous culture. Pérez has long investigated the music of Latin America, combining the rhythms and melodies he grew up with and the expansive harmonies of modern jazz.

\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony/\$15 student

Co-presented with the Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis



Cyrus Chestnut: African Reflections

May 7, 2016

Pianist Cyrus Chestnut’s hard swinging, soulful sounds have become a staple in the jazz community. Blending contemporary and traditional jazz and gospel, plus the occasional seasonings of Latin and samba, Chestnut’s prowess as a soloist has led him to become a “first call” pianist in big bands including the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. His new program filters jazz through the rich music and rhythms of Africa.

\$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony/\$15 student

Subscription Price: \$150 orchestra/\$135 balcony (Best Value!)

Sheldon Jazz is welcomed by WSIE 88.7 The Jazz Station

MORE...

SHELDON FOLK

Don't miss the folk legends, string wizards and soulful singers on The Sheldon Folk series!
Fridays at 8 p.m.

Jake Shimabukuro**

October 16, 2015

with special guest Jim Boggia

Jake Shimabukuro has been called the "Jimi Hendrix of the ukulele." His high-energy, virtuoso performances have impressed everyone from Eddie Vedder and *Rolling Stone* magazine to the Queen of England. Combining elements of folk, bluegrass, rock and even flamenco, the Hawaii native is one of today's most exciting string instrumentalists!

\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony

Rhonda Vincent & The Rage

November 6, 2015

Acclaimed bluegrass performer, six-time Grammy nominee and Missouri native Rhonda Vincent returns to The Sheldon with her high-octane group, The Rage. The most honored bluegrass band working today, the group will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of their Grammy-nominated DVD, *Ragin' Live*, recorded at the Sheldon Concert Hall. "...the new queen of bluegrass..." - *Wall Street Journal*.

\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony

Tom Chapin

January 22, 2016

Tom Chapin has been called "one of the great personalities in contemporary folk music" by *The New York Times*, a claim supported by a career that spans five decades, over 20 albums, and three Grammy Awards. A creative and diverse singer/songwriter hailing from the musically prominent Chapin family that includes late brother Harry and father Jim, Tom Chapin promises an evening of heartfelt, insightful folk music.

\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony

Ruthie Foster

February 19, 2016

with special guest Bottoms Up Blues Gang

Back by popular demand, Ruthie Foster brings her astonishing voice and thrilling blend of folk, blues, soul and gospel to The Sheldon stage. A three-time winner for Best Female Vocalist at the Austin Music Awards, and a two-time Grammy nominee for Best Contemporary Blues Album, Foster combines a modern sensibility with authentic roots music, creating a completely unique sound.

\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony

The Kingston Trio

April 1, 2016

Icons of the folk-revival movement of the 1950-'60s, The Kingston Trio brought the rich tradition of American folk music into the mainstream with songs such as "Tom Dooley," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," and "The M.T.A." Their live performances continue to sell out across the country, thanks to the trio's trademark stories, memories and timeless songs performed in beautiful harmony.

\$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony

Subscription Price: \$180 orchestra/\$160 balcony (Best Value!)

***Part of the American Arts Experience-St. Louis*

Sheldon Folk is welcomed by KDHX

MORE...

SHELDON CLASSICS

Classical Favorites & Friends

Some of our favorite classical musicians are joined by friends and colleagues for three nights of glorious chamber music!

A complimentary dessert reception follows each of the three concerts, giving you an opportunity to meet the artists.

Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

The Sheldon is also pleased to announce the third season of its partnership with the Mizzou New Music Initiative and the Sinsquefield Charitable Foundation for the commission of a series of new musical works.



Bjorn Ranheim, Shawn Weil and the 442's

January 20, 2016

Cellist Bjorn Ranheim, violinist Shawn Weil, and the popular contemporary quartet the 442's perform a duo by Kodály, a piece written for violin and cello by Stefan Freund, the sparkling "Café Music" by Paul Schonberg, plus a piece commissioned by Dick Shaw for vocalist Brian Owens.

\$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony/\$15 student



Peter Henderson and members of the St. Louis Symphony

February 24, 2016

Pianist Peter Henderson is joined by St. Louis Symphony principals Jelena Dirks, oboe, and Andrew Cuneo, bassoon, for "French Connection," featuring Poulenc's Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano and Faure's Piano Trio, Op. 120. Henderson will also perform solo piano works by Ravel.

\$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony/\$15 student



David Halen, Peter Martin and members of the St. Louis Symphony

April 6, 2016

St. Louis Symphony concert master David Halen is joined by pianist Peter Martin, who will set aside his usual jazz repertoire to perform a range of classical favorites by Bach, Beethoven and Bartok!

\$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony/\$15 student

Subscription Price: \$75 orchestra/\$60 balcony (Best Value!)

Sheldon Classics is welcomed by RAF-STL

ALARM WILL SOUND



Cutting-edge chamber orchestra Alarm Will Sound returns for its fourth "St. Louis Season!" The ensemble performs the newest music being composed today with energetic virtuosity and a sense of adventure, creating programs that span a wide range of styles.

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Friday, November 20, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Friday, February 12, 2016 at 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 general admission

Sponsored by the Sinsquefield Charitable Foundation and the Mizzou New Music Initiative

MORE...

COFFEE CONCERTS

Enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries at 9 a.m. in the beautiful Louis Spiering Room, just before these one-hour concerts at 10 a.m. in the historic Sheldon Concert Hall. (** indicates subscription series date)



Alan Ox, “Songs of Great American Crooners”

Tues. & Wed., October 6 & 7, 2015**

A classic “variety man,” Alan Ox brings old-fashioned charm to The Sheldon stage! The longtime St. Louis favorite will perform classic songs made popular by Mel Torme, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and more.

\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony



Kim Massie, “Rollin’ on the River”

Tues. & Wed., November 10 & 11, 2015**

St. Louis music icon Kim Massie is one of our city’s most active and recognizable vocalists. In this high-energy jazz, soul and R&B show, Massie celebrates the music of St. Louis, with hits by Chuck Berry, Tina Turner and more!

\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony



Ben Nordstrom, “Isn’t It Romantic”

Tues. & Wed., February 16 & 17, 2016**

One of St. Louis’ most acclaimed musical theater performers, Ben Nordstrom celebrates Valentine’s Day with love songs from the Great White Way. Guest vocalist Julie Hanson Battaglia, who has appeared on Broadway and at theatres around the country, joins Nordstrom for this romantic program of Broadway favorites.

\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony



Wack-A-Doo

Tues. & Wed., April 5 & 6, 2016**

Wack-A-Doo performs a creative mix of toe-tapping vintage swing and folksy Americana music, reminiscent of the cafes of 1920’s Europe and prohibition-era juke joints. They have performed at many major events and venues in the St. Louis area, including the Laumeier Art Fair, St. Louis Art Fair and First Night in Grand Center to name a few.

\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony



Tim Schall, “The Gaslight Generation”

Tues. & Wed., May 10 & 11, 2016**

Clubs like The Crystal Palace lined St. Louis’ Gaslight Square neighborhood and played host to the stars of tomorrow. Tim Schall takes a musical look back at this exciting time in popular music, with songs like “Moon River” and “Georgia On My Mind,” and tunes by beloved composers such as Hoagy Carmichael and Carole King. The times were a-changin’ and so was the music!

\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony

Subscription Price: \$65 orchestra/\$55 balcony (*Tuesday mornings*)



SPECIAL COFFEE CONCERT (NOT part of subscription series)

“Winter Wonderland”

Tues. & Wed., December 15 & 16, 2015

featuring Zoe Vonder Haar, John Flack, Peter Merideth, Emily Peterson and Steve Neale

Celebrate the season with a wonderful mix of winter and holiday music, old and new, performed by acclaimed actress Zoe Vonder Haar and a cast of some of St. Louis’ finest singers! Hear favorites such as “Snow,” from *White Christmas*, “Sleigh Ride,” “Joy to the World” and many more!

\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony (not included in subscription package)

MORE...

SATURDAY MATINEES

Bring the entire family for these lively matinee concerts, Saturdays at 11 a.m.



The Root Diggers

February 6, 2016

The Root Diggers are a group of six talented string band musicians whose sound is heavily rooted in old-time traditions. Performing a blend of traditional Ozark and Appalachian music, The Root Diggers are sure to get toes tapping!

\$12 adult reserved/\$5 child reserved



Dawn Weber, “From Swing to Funk”

April 2, 2016

Dawn Weber is one of the most diverse musicians working in St. Louis today. From jazz and funk to swing and soul, the multi-talented trumpeter, singer, arranger and dancer promises a high-energy performance, perfect for all ages.

\$12 adult reserved/\$5 child reserved



Brian Owens, “Lean On Me”

May 14, 2016

Acclaimed vocalist Brian Owens is quickly making a name for himself nationally as the new torch bearer for classic soul music in the tradition of Marvin Gaye and Sam Cooke. He returns to The Sheldon with a tribute to the legendary Bill Withers, performing hits including “Lean on Me,” “Just the Two of Us,” and more!

\$12 adult reserved/\$5 child reserved

Subscription Price: \$25 adult/\$10 child (Best Value!)

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SPECIAL CONCERTS

Add variety to your series with these special concerts you won't want to miss!

St. Louis Folk and Roots Festival

September 25 and 26, 2015 at 8 p.m.

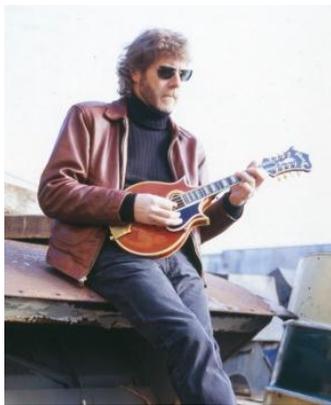
The Sheldon and KDHX present the 4th Annual Folk and Roots Festival, a three-day event celebrating folk and roots music, throughout Grand Center.



Friday, September 25 at 8 p.m. – Sheldon Ballroom: The Tillers, with special guests Blind Boy Paxton and Anna & Elizabeth

The Cincinnati based band The Tillers, made of up self-described “recovering punk rockers,” Mike Oberst, Sean Gei, and Aaron Geil, bring a high-intensity, percussive style to traditional bluegrass favorites. They are joined by special guests Blind Boy Paxton, a modern day songster who has been described as the living embodiment of a true old-time bluesman. Opening act Anna & Elizabeth bring a captivating mix of ballads, foot-stomping dance tunes, stories and visual art to the stage.

Friday Concert only: \$20 general admission in The Sheldon Ballroom



Saturday, September 26 at 8 p.m. – Sheldon Concert Hall: Sam Bush Band with special guests Finnders & Youngberg

Grammy Award winning multi-instrumentalist Sam Bush has reigned as one of bluegrass music's most revered string players for over 30 years. Co-founder of the genre-bending New Grass Revival, Bush is an in-demand musician who has played with everyone from Emmylou Harris and Béla Fleck to Lyle Lovett and Garth Brooks. Special guests Finnders & Youngberg bring the classic songs of country swing and bluegrass into the 21st century with a contemporary take on timeless sounds.

Saturday Concert only: \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony

Folk and Roots Festival Package: \$60 includes Friday and Saturday night concerts at The Sheldon, a late night Friday show at The Stage @ KDHX, Saturday daytime workshops, Saturday night after party concert at The Stage @ KDHX, and Sunday Old-Time Fiddle Contest. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit folkandrootsstl.com.



Friends Benefit: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis**

October 3, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Today's most honored jazz musician, composer and educator, Wynton Marsalis has been credited with revitalizing jazz as an art form, bringing it into the new century as an American institution. He leads 15 of the most accomplished soloists working in jazz today for an evening of classic big band sounds, celebrating the history and diversity of the genre.

Patron tickets: \$150/\$125

Concert-only tickets: \$65 orchestra/\$55 balcony

Part of the Legends series, made possible by The Steward Family Foundation and World Wide Technology, Inc.

Patron tickets in support of Sheldon educational programs are on sale now and include preferred seating, complimentary parking, a pre-concert reception, and a tax deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314.533.9900.

Single tickets go on sale August 28, 2015 at 10 a.m. but **subscribers can request single tickets with their subscription order!** Tickets will be assigned before the general on sale date.



Peter Martin Music with special guest TBD**

October 10, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Pianist extraordinaire and St. Louis native Peter Martin continues his exciting “Peter Martin Music Series,” featuring Peter on piano along with special guests from the jazz world and beyond!
\$50 VIP (includes free parking)/\$35 orchestra/\$30 balcony

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Banu Gibson: 40 Years of Randy Newman

October 25, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Swinging jazz singer Banu Gibson stands at the top of her field as a leading interpreter of music from the early 20th century. Along with guest vocalist Debbie Davis, pianist Tom McDermott and tuba player Matt Perrine, Gibson pays tribute to the witty, wonderful songs of Randy Newman, known for new American classics such as “I Love L.A.,” “Short People,” and “You’ve Got a Friend in Me.”

\$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony



ArtSounds! Ramsey Lewis: The In Crowd

November 7, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Legendary jazz pianist Ramsey Lewis celebrates the 50th anniversary of the release of his acclaimed album, *The In Crowd*, at this unique music and art event to benefit the Sheldon Art Galleries. The recipient of multiple Grammy Awards, numerous gold albums and several lifetime achievement awards, Ramsey Lewis has been a leader in the contemporary jazz movement throughout his illustrious five decade career.

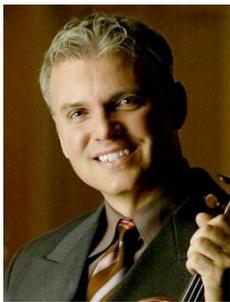
Patron tickets: \$500/\$300/\$150

Concert-only tickets: \$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony

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Patron tickets in support of the Sheldon Art Galleries are on sale now and include preferred seating, complimentary parking, a pre-concert reception, and a tax deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314.533.9900.

Single tickets go on sale October 2, 2015 at 10 a.m. but **subscribers can request single tickets with their subscription order!** Tickets will be assigned before the general on sale date.



David Halen, Peter Martin and Friends “Celebrate the Holidays”

December 2, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Celebrate the season with St. Louis Symphony concertmaster David Halen and jazz pianist Peter Martin as they perform holiday favorites such as “The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On an Open Fire)” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” as well as classics by Gershwin and more! Special guests include symphony violinist, and blossoming vocalist, Helen Kim.

\$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony



**Julia Bullock, soprano
and Renate Rohlfing, piano**

March 30, 2016 at 8 p.m.

Soprano Julia Bullock is a rising star in the opera world, with performances in New York, Boston, San Francisco and Paris to her credit. A St. Louis native and graduate of Opera Theatre’s Artist-in-Training program, Bullock won the 2014 Naumburg International Vocal Competition, and is currently pursuing an Artist Diploma at The Juilliard School. Don’t miss an exciting performance by a singer *The New York Times* hails as “ravishingly visceral.”

\$25 orchestra/\$20 balcony/\$10 student

Co-presented by Opera Theatre of Saint Louis

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