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RY COODER, SHARON WHITE AND RICKY SKAGGS COME TOGETHER FOR RARE CONCERT

- Event:** Ry Cooder, Sharon White & Ricky Skaggs
- When:** Monday, July 20, 2015 at 8 p.m.
- Where:** The Sheldon Concert Hall
- Tickets:** **On sale Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m.** Tickets are \$55 orchestra/\$50 balcony. Call MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or visit TheSheldon.org.

ST. LOUIS — In a most exceptional pairing, master multi-instrumentalists Ry Cooder and Ricky Skaggs come together on stage for a program of blues, gospel and bluegrass. They are joined by Sharon White, one of the purest voices in country music, Joachim Cooder on drums and Mark Fain on bass, with occasional guest performances by Buck White.

Songwriter and multi-instrumentalist **Ry Cooder** is among American music's most revered figures. Starting in the 1960s with artists such as Taj Mahal and the Rolling Stones, Cooder has spent over five decades transcending genres, as he recorded multiple albums with influences ranging from folk, Tex-Mex and blues, to R&B, world and Hawaiian. The six-time Grammy winner gained international acclaim as the producer of the groundbreaking album *Buena Vista Social Club*, bringing the sounds of Cuba to a mainstream audience. His most recent albums, including 2012's *American Songwriter*, have been hailed for their socially conscious bent, covering themes ranging from immigration to finance.

The winner of fourteen Grammys, multiple Country Music Association Awards, and twelve number one hits, **Ricky Skaggs** is among Nashville's most revered and established performers. A "recognized master" of the mandolin, Skaggs catapulted to mainstream country fame after acclaimed stints with Ralph Stanley, J.D. Crowe and the New South, and Emmylou Harris' Hot Band. After several decades of building a reputation for high-energy live shows and diverse repertoire, Skaggs branched out on his own to start the Skaggs Family Records label in 1997. Focusing on the roots of bluegrass and country music.

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