



Chris Peimann
Director of Marketing and Publicity
cpeimann@TheSheldon.org
Ph: 314.533.9900 ext. 19

Sarah Samples
Marketing and Publicity Coordinator
ssamples@TheSheldon.org
Ph: 314.533.9900 ext. 21

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 18, 2015

UKULELE WIZARD JAKE SHIMABUKURO OPENS SHELDON FOLK SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Jake Shimabukuro**, with special guest Jim Boggia, Friday, October 16 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Topping *Billboard's* World Music Chart a multitude of times, Shimabukuro is recognized alongside innovators such as Jimi Hendrix and Miles Davis for his style and virtuosity. He has performed on national TV shows including *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show* and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and has collaborated with Yo-Yo Ma, Jimmy Buffet, Tommy Emmanuel, Ziggy Marley and many others.

Bringing together influences from his native Hawaii and beyond, **Jake Shimabukuro** gives audiences a new way to enjoy ukulele music. Since 2002, the artist has released 10 albums as well as 10 Japan-only albums. He has won the Na Hoku Hanohano Award, the Hawaiian equivalent of a Grammy, a multitude of times for Favorite Entertainer as well as Instrumental Album of the Year. Shimabukuro has performed worldwide at venues including Bonnaroo, South X Southwest, the TED conference, and even for Queen Elizabeth II.

For more than 20 years, **Jim Boggia** has won over fans with his timeless songwriting. He has worked with an array of artists, including Aimee Mann, Juliana Hatfield, Mike Viola, Tracy Bonham, Bernadette Peters, David Poe, NRBQ's Big Al Anderson, MC5 guitarist Wayne Kramer, esteemed '70s pop misfit Emmitt Rhodes, and Canadian songstress Amanda Marshall.

Single tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony. Tickets 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 a VIP concert experience, All-Access tickets are available by calling 314-533-9900, ext. 17. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

###

*Part of the American Arts Experience-St. Louis
Jim Boggia's appearance made possible by Michael Manchisi
Welcomed by KDHX*