



THE SHELDON
CONCERT HALL & ART GALLERIES

MEDIA ALERT

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**THE SHELDON'S NORTH COUNTY BIG BAND TO OPEN FOR
JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA FEATURING WYNTON MARSALIS**

- Event:** The Sheldon's North County Big Band - Harvey Lockhart, band director
Opening for the Friends of The Sheldon benefit featuring
Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis
- When:** Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 8 p.m.
- Where:** Sheldon Concert Hall
- Tickets:** **Concert-only-** \$65 orchestra/\$55 balcony through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or at
TheSheldon.org.

Patron tickets in support of Sheldon educational programs - \$150/\$125 and include preferred seating, complimentary parking, a pre-concert reception, and a tax deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314.533.9900.

The Sheldon is pleased to announce that the North County Big Band, directed by Harvey Lockhart of Riverview Gardens High School, will perform an opening song at the October 3 Friends of The Sheldon benefit featuring Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis.

Directed and founded by Harvey Lockhart, Band Director of Riverview Gardens High School, this collaborative big band is made up of some of the most talented and dedicated students from several St. Louis area high schools, including Riverview Gardens, Normandy, Hazelwood, Central Visual and Performing Arts High School and University City. Students rehearse throughout the semester on weekday evenings at The Sheldon, with coaching provided by leading educators and musicians including Lockhart, Thomas Moore of Normandy Middle School, Delano Redman of East St. Louis Senior High, retired music educator Robert Edwards and jazz pianist Peter Martin.

The Sheldon is proud to be the home base for this talented group, initiated by Harvey Lockhart who shared his dream of giving students the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of their instrument in a select, big band setting. These students would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in an ensemble at this level of performance, or get private lessons with teachers of this caliber.

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