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## **THE KINGSTON TRIO RETURNS TO THE SHELDON TO CLOSE FOLK SERIES**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **The Kingston Trio**, Friday, April 1, 2016 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. With a blend of impeccable three-part harmony and irresistible good humor, The Kingston Trio’s hit songs, including “Tom Dooley,” “M.T.A.,” “Scotch and Soda” and “Greenback Dollar,” continue to resonate with fans. During the late ‘50s and early ‘60s, the Trio enjoyed unprecedented record sales and worldwide fame, while influencing the musical tastes of a generation.

The original Kingston Trio, formed in San Francisco in 1957 by Bob Shane, Nick Reynolds and Dave Guard, changed the face of pop music, introducing a new take on classic American folk music. Their “folk revival” sound paved the way in the 1960s for groups such as the Limelighters, the Smothers Brothers and the Brothers Four, eventually inspiring the protest folk music of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and Peter, Paul and Mary. In their heyday, the Trio’s albums and concert performances were out-sold only by the Beatles.

The Kingston Trio has survived many personnel changes over the years, though “new” trio members such as John Stewart, Bill Zorn, George Grove, and the late Roger Gambill each contributed fresh and lasting changes to the group, creating a legend that transcends individual performers. Their success over the decades is a testament to the enduring nature of The Kingston Trio sound, as they still tour throughout the country more than 30 weeks each year. The Kingston Trio today consists of Bill Zorn, George Grove and Rick Dougherty. They are continuing The Kingston Trio legacy with fantastic reviews, command performances and standing ovations wherever they perform.

Single tickets are \$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony. Tickets are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, through The Sheldon’s website at [TheSheldon.org](http://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](http://TheSheldon.org).

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