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SINGER AND VIRTUOSIC MANDOLINIST SIERRA HULL MAKES SHELDON SERIES DEBUT ON FOLK SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Sierra Hull**, Friday, March 3 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Sierra Hull has been recognized from age 11 as a singer, virtuosic mandolin player and teen prodigy, astonishing audiences and fellow musicians alike. Inspired by bluegrass and roots music, but not defined by it, Hull rose to fame when mentor Alison Krauss invited her to play on the Grand Ole Opry stage at a young age. Two years later, Hull signed with Rounder Records releasing two acclaimed albums. She has played the White House, Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, and became the first bluegrass musician to receive a Presidential Scholarship at the Berklee College of Music.

Now a seasoned touring musician in her mid-20s, Hull has delivered her most inspired, accomplished and mature recorded work to date. *Weighted Mind* has been reviewed as a landmark achievement, not just in Sierra Hull's career, but in the world of folk-pop, bluegrass and acoustic music overall. With instrumentation comprised largely of mandolin, bass and vocals, this is genre-transcending music at its best, with production by Béla Fleck and vocal guests Alison Krauss, Abigail Washburn and Rhiannon Giddens. *Weighted Mind*, received a 2016 Grammy nomination for Best Folk Album.

Tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony 1/\$30 balcony 2 and are on sale 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.

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