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“SHELDON CLASSICS” SERIES WELCOMES CELLIST BJORN RANHEIM & TRUMPETER JEFFREY STRONG

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **“Bach, Bolling & Bjorn!”** with cellist **Bjorn Ranheim** and **St. Louis Symphony trumpeter Jeffrey Strong** on The Sheldon Classics series, Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Cellist Bjorn Ranheim and trumpeter Jeffrey Strong celebrate the great Johann Sebastian Bach and French composer Claude Bolling. Program highlights will include Bach’s Suite No. 5 in C minor, BWV 1011 for Solo Cello.

Cellist **Bjorn Ranheim**, who was appointed to the St. Louis Symphony (SLSO) in 2005, also holds the principal chair of the Colorado Music Festival in Boulder, Colorado, and is a member of the Sun Valley Summer Symphony in Idaho. He has performed and toured with the orchestras of Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland and Detroit, and has held principal and assistant principal cello positions with the New World Symphony, National Repertory Orchestra and Aspen Festival Orchestra. As an active performer in chamber music, Ranheim has toured extensively in the United States, Europe and Central America. He is highly visible throughout the St. Louis region, presenting recitals, educational programs and chamber music performances. He performs regularly with The 442s, a genre-defying acoustic quartet named for the modern standard tuning of 442 Hz. He is a member of the Chamber Music Society of St. Louis and Washington University’s Eliot Piano Trio with SLSO Concertmaster David Halen and pianist Seth Carlin.

Jeffrey Strong joined the St. Louis Symphony as second trumpet in September 2015. Prior to St. Louis, Strong served as a member of the trumpet/cornet section in the “President’s Own” United States Marine Band, where he was often a featured soloist. Strong has also performed as a soloist with the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, the National Repertory Orchestra, the Grace Church 2015 Bach Festival, the Fresno City Brass Bash and the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra and Big Band. Strong has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and as a regular member for two years with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

Jeffrey Strong replaces Karin Bliznik, who was originally scheduled for this performance. Ticket buyers wishing to attend the performance may retain their current tickets and simply present them at the door on March 15.

Tickets are \$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony/\$15 student, and 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 more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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