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**NORTH COUNTY BIG BAND RETURNS FOR SPRING CONCERT AT THE SHELDON
FEATURING THE GATEWAY CITY BIG BAND**

Event: North County Big Band Spring Concert featuring Gateway City Big Band
When: Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 4 p.m.
Where: Sheldon Concert Hall
Tickets: \$10 Adult/\$5 Student through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or at TheSheldon.org.

ST. LOUIS - Led by Harvey Lockhart 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, Central Visual and Performing Arts, Hazelwood and University City. This year marks their third season of rehearsals and performances, with coaching provided by leading educators and musicians including Lockhart, Thomas Moore of Normandy Middle School and Delano Redman of East St. Louis Senior High.

The Gateway City Big Band is a 17-piece band with two vocalists that has been entertaining audiences in the St. Louis area and beyond since 1966. As a non-profit organization, the band plays for charitable and civic events and is also available for private functions. Its excess funds are used to support worthy school music programs and young musicians. The band rehearses weekly from September through June and its diverse library includes authentic charts stretching from the big band era to more recent styles and artists.

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Proceeds benefit The Sheldon's North County Big Band

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