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BLACK VIOLIN OPENS SHELDON'S 2017-18 CONCERT SEASON

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Black Violin**, Sunday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Black Violin is an American duo composed of two classically trained string instrumentalists, Kevin Sylvester and Wilner Baptiste, who blend classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B and bluegrass music. Named one of the hottest bands at SXSW in 2013, they are accompanied by their versatile and talented bandmates, which includes ace turntable whiz DJ SPS.

Since starting Black Violin a decade ago, Wil Baptiste and Kevin “Kev Marcus” Sylvester have performed an average of 200 shows a year in 49 states and 36 countries as far away as Dubai, Prague and South Africa, while appearing at official NFL celebrations for three Super Bowls and last year’s U.S. Open in Forest Hills with Jordin Sparks. *The New York Time* says, “Black Violin works hard, but makes it all look like play... Sometimes they play with the intense seriousness of orchestral soloists; at others they fiddle as if at a hoedown; at still others they strum the violin and viola like guitars.”

Their groundbreaking collaboration has seen them perform their music for everyone from the troops in Iraq to President Barack Obama at his Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C. Individually and together, Black Violin has collaborated with the likes of P. Diddy, Kanye West, 50 Cent, Tom Petty, Aerosmith, Aretha Franklin and The Eagles.

Single tickets are \$50 orchestra 1/\$35 orchestra 2/\$30 balcony. Tickets 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 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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