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**GUITARIST JOHN PIZZARELLI FEATURED ON 2017 ARTSOUNDS GALLERY GALA
— EVENT INSPIRED BY *THE WORLD OF SPECTACULAR STRINGS* EXHIBITION —**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon Art Galleries presents its annual ArtSounds gallery benefit featuring the **John Pizzarelli Quartet**, Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 8 p.m. This unique music and art event is inspired by the exhibition *The World of Spectacular Strings*, opening at the Sheldon Art Galleries on October 6 and featuring an array of stringed instruments from The Sheldon’s Hartenberger World Music Collection. This elegant evening includes live music, signature cocktails and gourmet hors d’oeuvres, all to benefit the exhibitions and educational programs of the Sheldon Art Galleries. Attendees will also have the opportunity to view *The World of Spectacular Strings* in the Sheldon Art Galleries before the concert.

John Pizzarelli is one of today’s top jazz guitarists and vocalists, with a repertoire that includes music by artists from Nat “King” Cole and Frank Sinatra to the Beatles. Established as one of the prime contemporary interpreters of the Great American Songbook, his multi-faceted career has teamed him with Rosemary Clooney, James Taylor, George Shearing and Sir Paul McCartney and he has been called “the genial genius of jazz guitar” by the *Los Angeles Times*. In addition to being a bandleader and solo performer, Pizzarelli has been a special guest on recordings for major pop names such as Natalie Cole, Kristin Chenoweth, Tom Wopat, Rickie Lee Jones and Dave Van Ronk, as well as leading jazz artists such as Ruby Braff, Johnny Frigo, Buddy DeFranco, Harry Allen and, of course, Bucky Pizzarelli.

Patron tickets are on sale now at \$500, \$300 and \$150, and include a pre-concert reception, complimentary parking, preferred seating and a tax-deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900.

Concert-only tickets are \$45 orchestra / \$40 balcony and are on sale through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or at TheSheldon.org.

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*Co-Chaired by: Peggy Symes and Ryan Easley
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