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## STEEP CANYON RANGERS MAKE THEIR SHELDON DEBUT

**Event:** Dale's Pale Ale presents Steep Canyon Rangers  
with special guest TBD

**When:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 8 p.m.

**Where:** Sheldon Concert Hall

**Tickets:** On sale November 10 at 10 a.m. \$40 orch 1 / \$35 orch 2 / \$30 balc  
Call MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

ST. LOUIS — Grammy Award-winning Steep Canyon Rangers effortlessly walk the line between festival favorite and sophisticated string orchestra. They're as danceable as the most progressive, party-oriented string band, and equally comfortable translating their songs for accompaniment by a full symphony. **Steep Canyon Rangers is:** Woody Platt – Guitar, Lead Vocals; Mike Guggino – Mandolin, Vocals; Charles Humphrey – Bass, Vocals; Graham Sharp – Banjo, Vocals; Nicky Sanders – Fiddle, Vocals; Michael Ashworth – Percussion. (*Note: This performance does not include Steve Martin.*)

It's that mix of serious chops and good-natured fun that earned the Steep Canyon Rangers the Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album in 2013 (for *Nobody Knows You*), and that drew celebrated comedian/banjoist Steve Martin to them when he needed a backing band. The Rangers are world-class musicians who are just as at home taking the stage at Carnegie Hall as they are knee-deep in a mountain brook, fly rod in hand.

It has been more than fifteen years and nine studio albums since the Steep Canyon Rangers formed in Chapel Hill. The band received rave reviews for their last album (the Jerry Douglas-produced *Radio*), with *No Depression* commenting that it is "one of those albums that's packed with hits." Now, in 2017, the band is working on their highly anticipated tenth studio album. "It's really gratifying to play music with people you can trust, who hear something and pull what's best out of it into something truly special," says banjoist Graham Sharp. "As a songwriter, my favorite part of the whole thing is watching the band bring these ideas to life."

When they aren't in the studio, the Steep Canyon Rangers maintain a rigorous touring schedule with shows all over the U.S. (both with Steve Martin as well as headlining dates). They also appeared on "A Prairie Home Companion" with Steve Martin last December.

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