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“SHELDON CLASSICS” CLOSES SERIES WITH WORKS BY BERNSTEIN AND BARBER

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Bernstein and Barber** on The Sheldon Classics series, Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. In commemoration of Leonard Bernstein’s 100th birthday, violinist Celeste Golden Boyer, cellist Bjorn Ranheim and members of the St. Louis Symphony perform works by Bernstein and other American composers, including Samuel Barber’s *Adagio for Strings*.

Celeste Golden Boyer joined the St. Louis Symphony as Second Associate Concertmaster at the start of the 2011-2012 season. She has appeared as soloist with numerous symphony orchestras around the world, including the St. Louis Symphony; the Latvian Chamber Orchestra in Riga, Latvia; the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Celeste won a three-year fellowship to the Aspen Music Festival and School in 2004, and was subsequently awarded the Dorothy Delay Memorial Fellowship by the festival, an award given to only one violin student each summer.

Cellist **Bjorn Ranheim** was appointed to the St. Louis Symphony in 2005. He has appeared as soloist on multiple occasions with the St. Louis Symphony and Colorado Music Festival, as well as engagements with the New World Symphony, Columbia Civic Orchestra, National Repertory Orchestra and the Washington University Symphony Orchestra. Actively performing chamber music, Bjorn has toured extensively in the United States, Europe and Central America, with performances at Carnegie Hall, Boston’s Gardner Museum, Teatro Nacional de Costa Rica and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain. He has participated in the Isaac Stern Chamber Music Seminar, Costa Rica International Chamber Music Festival and Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival. Ranheim is a founding member of The 442s, an acoustic string ensemble that pursues innovative, genre-defying music making and collaborations.

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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