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### **ELLIS PAUL TO REPLACE JANIS IAN ON SHELDON FOLK SERIES**

ST. LOUIS – Singer/songwriter Ellis Paul will replace Janis Ian on The Sheldon’s 2018-2019 Folk series on Friday, October 5, 2018. As previously announced, Ian was scheduled to appear as a co-headliner with singer/songwriter Susan Werner. Werner will still perform as part of the double bill that evening.

Singer/songwriter Ellis Paul has been a pillar of the folk music community for more than a quarter century, with 19 albums, numerous awards, movie soundtracks and 200+ shows per year to his credit. A native of Kent, Maine, Paul made his name throughout the New England folk circuit, alongside artists such as Shawn Colvin, Dar Williams and John Gorka. Inspired by Woody Guthrie, Paul is known for his social consciousness and nomadic brand of folk music. When Guthrie’s hometown of Okemah, Oklahoma hosted the first Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in July 1998, Paul was tapped as one of the headliners and has since made this an annual part of his touring schedule.

He’s become a staple at the Newport Folk Festival, played Carnegie Hall, and venues from Alaska to Miami, Paris and London. He’s also released a pair of children’s albums, earning him honors from the Parent’s Choice Foundation for both. His latest, *The Hero In You* has been turned into a picture book, detailing the lives of great American heroes. Ellis’ literate, evocative and insightful writings are further showcased in a book of poetry and short stories entitled *Notes from the Road*, already in its third pressing.

Subscriptions to The Sheldon’s 2018-2019 season are on sale now through The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or at [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

Single tickets for Ellis Paul and Susan Werner go on sale August 11 at 10 a.m., along with the rest of The Sheldon’s 2018-2019 season, through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

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