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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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SHELDON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAUL REUTER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT PLANS

- National Search Launched for New Executive Director -

ST. LOUIS – Sheldon Arts Foundation Executive Director Paul Reuter has announced his intention to retire from the position after 24 successful years shaping The Sheldon into the world-class, nationally-known arts organization that it is today. Global search firm DHR International has been hired to lead a national search for Reuter’s replacement, with the intention to name a new executive director in fall 2018.

Reuter will play an integral role in the transition, serving as mentor to the new director for several months. “It has been my pleasure to serve as Sheldon executive director since 1994,” Reuter says. “I look forward to introducing the new director to all the things that make The Sheldon special, especially the great board and staff, and the passion and support for music, art and education that comes from our loyal Sheldon patrons and the St. Louis community.”

Anne Bannister, chair of the Sheldon Arts Foundation Board of Directors, says, “Paul has led The Sheldon through a remarkable period of artistic excellence and community service, engaging great musicians to perform in the concert hall, adding the visual arts through the creation of the Sheldon Art Galleries, dramatically expanding education programs for young people, connecting The Sheldon with many other St. Louis organizations, leading three successful capital campaigns and keeping the operating budget in the black the past 17 years.”

The Sheldon hosts over 350 events each year, including jazz, folk, classical, bluegrass, world music concerts and more in the Sheldon Concert Hall; a diverse range of educational programs serving over 30,000 students each year; and world-class exhibitions in the Sheldon Art Galleries, in spaces dedicated to photography, architecture, St. Louis artists and collections, music, children’s art and emerging artists. The Sheldon also collaborates with many community organizations, and hosts events and fundraisers for non-profit organizations throughout the St. Louis region.

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