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**LOS ANGELES GUITAR QUARTET RETURNS TO THE SHELDON STAGE
CO-PRESENTED WITH ST. LOUIS CLASSICAL GUITAR**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon and St. Louis Classical Guitar present **Los Angeles Guitar Quartet (LAGQ)**, Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Grammy Award-winning LAGQ is comprised of four uniquely accomplished musicians bringing a new energy to the concert stage with programs ranging from bluegrass to Bach. Their inventive, critically acclaimed transcriptions of concert masterworks provide a fresh look at the music of the past, while their interpretations of works from the contemporary and world-music realms continually break new ground.

With a 30-year career behind them, Los Angeles Guitar Quartet is known as one of the most multifaceted groups in any genre and is comprised of John Dearman, Matthew Greif, William Kanengiser and Scott Tennant. Programs including Latin, African, Asian, Irish, folk and American classics sell out theaters and transport listeners around the world in a single concert experience. Their “Don Quixote” collaboration with Firesign Theater veteran, actor Philip Proctor, continues to expand and delight audiences. Recently, the LAGQ has wowed audiences with “Road to the Sun” - an original composition from Pat Metheny written specifically for the quartet - listed by *The San Francisco Classical Voice* as a “stunningly expressive new composition...received by the audience with a standing ovation and rapturous applause.”

Winner of a 2005 Grammy Award, their *Guitar Heroes* album released on Telarc is a brilliant follow-up to their Grammy nominated *LAGQ-Latin. Spin* (Telarc, 2006) continued their explorations of jazz and contemporary music while their next release *LAGQ: BRAZIL* (Telarc, 2007), including collaborations with vocalist Luciana Souza, was released to rave reviews. Their recording of the Rodrigo “Concierto Andaluz” and Sergio Assad’s “Interchange,” written specifically for them, was released on Telarc in Spring 2010, and quickly climbed to top spot on the *Billboard* charts. The live DVD of *The Ingenious Gentleman: Don Quixote* was released on the Mel Bay label in spring 2012. In 2015, the LAGQ released their latest album titled *New Renaissance*, a unique blend of renaissance originals and renaissance-inspired compositions by Dusan Bogdanovic and Ian Krouse.

Tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony, 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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