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**ALARM WILL SOUND RETURNS TO THE SHELDON WITH MUSIC BY
OSCAR BETTISON, VIET CUONG AND ZOSHA DI CASTRI**

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon presents Alarm Will Sound (AWS), Thursday, December 6 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. The cutting-edge ensemble continues their 7th “St. Louis Season,” performing the newest music being composed today with energetic virtuosity and a sense of adventure, creating programs that span a wide range of styles.

Hear the twenty splendid “next generation thinkers” (*NPR*) of this formidably gifted ensemble in works ideally suited to show off their “equal parts exuberance, nonchalance, and virtuosity” (*Financial Times of London*). The evening includes “Pale Icons of Night,” a new violin concerto by Oscar Bettison; “Try,” a musical exploration of the struggle for perfection; “Electric Aroma,” a piece written by Viet Cuong for Alarm Will Sound and the 2018 Mizzou International Composition Festival; and “Phonotopographie” a work that is part story-telling, part musical reverie by Zosha Di Castri.

Alarm Will Sound presents repertoire ranging from the arch-modernist to the pop-influenced, but their approach goes beyond the music itself. Frequently incorporating video, text, theater and movement into their productions, AWS has proved that a small, audacious orchestra can make a huge impact. In every performance, they explore, challenge and reshape familiar musical conventions to create arresting experiences.

Tickets are \$20 general admission/\$10 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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