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**LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO RETURNS TO THE SHELDON,  
SPREADING THEIR MESSAGE OF PEACE, LOVE AND HARMONY**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** on the “Whitaker World Music” series, in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall on Sunday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. Thanks to a generous grant from the Whitaker Foundation, The Sheldon is pleased to bring the best music from around the globe directly to its stage. This season’s three concerts meet a need for people to be introduced to the music and culture of other parts of the world community.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the most prominent a cappella vocal group from South Africa, has been a messenger of “peace, love and harmony” for over 50 years. The group rose to prominence after Paul Simon incorporated their rich tenor into his famous album, *Graceland*. A year later, in 1988, their first worldwide release, *Shaka Zulu*, won a Grammy Award for Best Folk Recording. Since then, the group has been awarded two more Grammy Awards, for *Raise Your Spirit Higher* (2004) and *Ilembé* (2009) and have been nominated a total of 19 times.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo has worked with a wide range of artists, including Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, Sarah McLachlan, Josh Groban, Emmylou Harris and more. A film documentary titled *On Tip Toe: Gentle Steps to Freedom*, the story of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, was nominated for an Academy Award in 2001. They have also appeared on Broadway, been nominated for Tony Awards, and have won a Drama Desk Award.

In 2014, founder Joseph Shabalala retired after over 50 years of leading his group. He passed the leadership torch to his sons Thulani, Sibongiseni and Thamsanqa Shabalala, who joined Ladysmith Black Mambazo in 1993.

Single tickets are \$45 orchestra 1/\$40 orchestra 2/\$35 balcony 1/\$30 balcony 2/\$15 student. Tickets are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, through The Sheldon’s website at [TheSheldon.org](http://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](http://TheSheldon.org).

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