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SAXOPHONIST JAMES CARTER RETURNS TO THE SHELDON WITH PETER MARTIN TRIO

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **James Carter with the Peter Martin Trio**, Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Acclaimed saxophonist James Carter returns with the Peter Martin Trio, performing the modern, evocative jazz for which Carter has become known. With powerful solos rooted in tradition, Carter takes listeners on musical excursions that include funk, fusion, rock and soul.

James Carter is a giant in the jazz world, recognized as one of the top saxophonists of his generation. His powerful solos are rooted in tradition but take listeners on excursions that combine many other musical influences that were part of his experience growing up in Detroit. In many ways, weaving together divergent impulses is at the heart of Carter’s music. “You have to be totally comfortable wherever,” Carter says. “I feel that music equals life, that’s the way my teacher always taught me. You just can’t go through life and experience it fully with a set of blinders on. I think there’s tremendous beauty in cross-pollinations of music and influences.” Carter has won *Down Beat* magazine’s Critics and Readers Choice award for baritone saxophone several years in a row. He has performed, toured and recorded with Lester Bowie, Julius Hemphill, Frank Lowe & the Saxemle, Kathleen Battle, the World Saxophone Quartet, Cyrus Chestnut, Wynton Marsalis, Dee Dee Bridgewater and the Mingus Big Band.

St. Louis native and acclaimed jazz pianist **Peter Martin** brings his virtuosity and mastery of the piano to audiences large and small, both as a solo artist, and as the longtime music director for vocalist Dianne Reeves. In 2011, he performed at the White House as part of a State Dinner alongside notable jazz performers Herbie Hancock, Dianne Reeves, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Chris Botti and Lang Lang. Most recently, Martin launched an education video podcast, *2-Minute Jazz*, from his website, featuring video lessons and online master classes that cater to students from over 20 countries.

Single tickets are \$35 orchestra/\$30 balcony/\$15 student. Tickets 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 a VIP concert experience, All-Access tickets are available by calling 314-533-9900, ext. 14. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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