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## THE MILK CARTON KIDS RETURN AT THE START OF SHELDON SEASON

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **The Milk Carton Kids, with special guest Vera Sola**, Sunday, August 25 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall.

Acoustic duo Joey Ryan and Kenneth Pattengale have earned legions of fans with their beautiful harmonies, poignant lyrics and often hilarious stage banter. Compared to classic duos such as the Everly Brothers and Simon and Garfunkel, The Milk Carton Kids perform music from their haunting new album, *All the Things That I Did and All the Things That I Didn't Do*. The new project marks the first time that the duo have brought a band into the studio with them, and on tour. “We wanted to do something new,” Pattengale says. “We had been going around the country yet another time to do the duo show, going to the places we’d been before. There arose some sort of need for change.”

Since their last studio album, *Monterey* (ANTI- 2015), life has changed dramatically for The Milk Carton Kids. Pattengale has moved to and is now producing records in Nashville. Ryan is now the father of two children and works as a producer on “Live from Here with Chris Thile.” A break from years of non-stop touring, Ryan says, has yielded “space outside of the band that gives us perspective on what the band is.”

Vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Vera Sola makes timeless, time-bending sound. In the words of the *London Sunday Times*, “...she’s a creature all her own, an utterly singular talent.” Despite a background in poetry, a successful career as a stage and voice actor, years of touring in Elvis Perkins’ band, and a collection of hundreds of secret songs, it wasn’t until early 2017 that she began experimenting with the idea of recording her own material. From there came her debut album *Shades*. The result is a record both complex and sparse, with lyrics full of sorrow yet arch and wry. Poems and stories set to music. Songs of the present that conjure the past.

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](http://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. 17. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).