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NELLA MAKES HER SHELDON DEBUT, OPENING WHITAKER WORLD MUSIC CONCERTS SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Nella** on the “Whitaker World Music Concerts” series, in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 8 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 concert series seeks to introduce audiences to the music and culture of the world community. Before the concerts, audiences will have the opportunity to view an exhibit of African instruments from The Sheldon’s Hartenberger World Music Collection, in the Sheldon Art Galleries.

Venezuelan singer Nella effortlessly blends contemporary Latin music with her country’s rich musical heritage. A graduate of the Berklee College of Music, Nella has made a name for herself on the international music scene, with sold out concerts in New York, Miami and London. Her music is a meeting place for her country’s folkloric roots, the influence of her contemporaries and the music of the Andalusian region.

Nella, who has already garnered the support of Latin pop star Alejandro Sanz, has performed with artists such as Jennifer Lopez, Carlos Vives, Luis Enrique and Susana Baca. More recently, Nella was asked to join the stellar cast of Oscar Award winner Asghar Farhadi’s new movie, *Everybody Knows*, featuring Javier Bardem, Ricardo Darín and Penélope Cruz, where she sings songs written by composer and producer, Javier Limón, exclusively for the screenplay. The movie opened the 2018 Cannes Film Festival.

On tour, Nella performs songs featured in Farhadi’s movie, as well as Venezuelan folk songs and some of her own compositions, including music from her most recent release, *Nella*, that features music and production by Javier Limón.

Single tickets are \$40 orchestra 1/\$35 orchestra 2/\$30 balcony 1/\$25 balcony 2/\$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 more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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