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ANGÉLIQUE KIDJO RETURNS TO THE SHELDON,
CELEBRATING THE ELECTRIFYING RHYTHMS, VOCALS AND SOUNDS OF AFRICA

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents Angélique Kidjo on the “Whitaker World Music Concerts” series, in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall on Friday, February 14 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. Before the concert, the audience will have the opportunity to view an exhibit of African instruments, from The Sheldon’s Hartenberger World Music Collection, in the Sheldon Art Galleries.

Three-time Grammy Award winner Angélique Kidjo has been called “Africa’s premier diva” by Time Magazine and was listed as one of The Guardian’s Top 100 Most Inspiring Women in the World. A creative force with 13 albums to her name, Forbes Magazine has ranked Kidjo as the first woman in their list of the Most Powerful Celebrities in Africa.

As a performer, her voice, stage presence and fluency in multiple cultures and languages have won respect from her peers and expanded her following across national borders. Kidjo has cross-pollinated the West African traditions of her childhood in Benin with elements of American R&B, funk and jazz, as well as influences from Europe and Latin America.

After exploring the roads of Africa’s diaspora — through Brazil, Cuba and the United States — and offering a refreshing and electrifying take on the Talking Heads album Remain In Light (called “Transformative” by The New York Times, “Visionary” by NPR Music, and “Stunning” by Rolling Stone), the French-Beninese singer is now reflecting on an icon of the Americas, celebrated salsa singer Celia Cruz. Kidjo’s most recent album, Celia, nominated for Best World Music Album at the 2020 Grammy Awards, investigates the African roots of the Cuban-born woman who became the “Queen” of salsa.

Single tickets are $60 orchestra 1/$55 orchestra 2/$50 balcony 1/$45 balcony 2. 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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