



**THE SHELDON**  
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**THE SHELDON PRESENTS MANDOLINIST CHRIS THILE  
IN A SOLO PERFORMANCE OF BACH SONATAS AND PARTITAS**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents mandolinist Chris Thile-Solo, October 16 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Chris Thile, of Punch Brothers, is a mandolin virtuoso, composer and vocalist. With his broad outlook that encompasses progressive bluegrass, classical, rock and jazz, Thile transcends the borders of conventionally circumscribed genres, creating a distinctly American canon and a new musical aesthetic for performers and audiences alike. For his Sheldon performance, Thile draws from his new Bach recording, while also exploring his own compositions and contemporary music.

Mandolin virtuoso and composer Chris Thile, a multiple-Grammy Award winner and a MacArthur Fellow, has long been known as an audacious improviser and a tireless collaborator whose work has incorporated bluegrass, folk, rock, jazz, and classical elements. Formerly an original member of the groundbreaking trio Nickel Creek, Thile is currently a part of the Punch Brothers, and has also worked with Brad Mehldau, Yo-Yo Ma, Michael Daves, and Edgar Meyer, among others.

For latest release, Thile tackles perhaps his greatest musical challenge all by himself with *Bach: Sonatas and Partitas, Vol. 1*, which comprises three works written for solo violin: Sonata No. 1 in G minor, BWV 1001; Partita No. 1 in B minor, BWV 1002; and Sonata No. 2 in A minor, BWV 1003. While Thile has often included pieces by Bach in his live repertoire, this new recording, produced by his friend and mentor Meyer, fulfills a long-held dream to create studio recordings of these pieces on mandolin. Thile states, “The real story is that this music is crackling with life, with relevant information. It’s no museum piece. Perhaps hearing it on the ‘wrong’ instrument can help take it out of its historical context and put it in a contemporary place.”

Tickets are \$30 orchestra/\$25 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 more information, call The Sheldon at 314.533.9900 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

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