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**RED LEHR AND THE ST. LOUIS RIVERMEN RETURN  
ON THE SHELDON'S COFFEE CONCERT SERIES**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents Red Lehr and the St. Louis Rivermen, Tuesday, March 18 at 10 a.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Complimentary coffee and pastries begin at 9 a.m. in the beautiful Louis Spiering Room. After 25-plus years of music making under the leadership of Jean Kittrell, and their new leader, David “Red” Lehr, the St. Louis Rivermen are continuing to delight audiences everywhere with their unique blend of virtuosity and unbridled energy and enthusiasm. Saddened by the retirement of the vivacious Kittrell in July 2008, but thrilled to carry on with the band at her insistence, they are the definition of a high-energy, tightly unified traditional jazz ensemble. A thorough knowledge of traditional jazz, plus years of experience in numerous traditional bands, form the solid foundation of their music.

The St. Louis Rivermen began in 1982 as a hand-picked group chosen by Frank Maloney, then president of the St. Louis Jazz Club. Though the group has transformed over the years, many original and long-time members still remain. Regular members of the festival band include: Bobby Grimm, banjo; Noel Kaletsky, clarinet and soprano sax; David “Red” Lehr, sousaphone and leader; Steve Lilley, cornet and master of ceremonies; Jim Maihack, trombone; Don Schroeder, percussion; and Ray Templin, piano.

Tickets are \$15 orchestra/\$12 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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