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## **ACOUSTIC DUO THE MILK CARTON KIDS MAKE THEIR SHELDON DEBUT**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents The Milk Carton Kids, Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Flat-picking harmony duo The Milk Carton Kids have emerged in the last three years as a powerful voice defining the continuing folk tradition. An understated virtuosity defines The Milk Carton Kids to the delight of traditionalists and newcomers to the folk movement alike. Garrison Keillor has called them “absolute geniuses in close-harmony,” while cultural purveyors like T Bone Burnett and Billy Bragg continue to refer the importance of The Milk Carton Kids among a group of new folk bands expanding and contradicting the rich tradition that comes before them.

After forming in 2011, the duo of Kenneth Pattengale and Joey Ryan quickly built a devoted following with the simple purity of their music, touring with a host of established acts (Old Crow Medicine Show, Punch Brothers, and more), appearing on NPR’s *Tiny Desk* concert series and charming audiences with their deadpan on-stage humor. While their most obvious musical reference is the classic folk revival sound of twin acoustic guitars and matching harmonies, the band both expands and contradicts that rich legacy with highly inventive guitar lines and their intricately interwoven vocals.

The *Los Angeles Times* lauds their latest Anti-Records release, *The Ash & Clay*, as displaying “absolute mastery of their craft” while *Paste Magazine* emphasizes the “intellectual sophistication of their songs, making The Milk Carton Kids an option for purists unsatisfied with some of the pop tendencies seeping in to the genre.”

Tickets are \$20 general admission, 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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