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### THE SHELDON ANNOUNCES 2014-2015 CONCERT SEASON

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon is pleased to announce its 2014-2015 concert season, to take place in the intimate and acoustically perfect Sheldon Concert Hall. The season includes six signature series - Jazz at The Sheldon, Fantastic Folk, Sheldon Classics, Saturday Matinees, Coffee Concerts, and Peter Martin Music: Live - which will be available by subscription beginning May 12 at 10 a.m. through The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or [www.TheSheldon.org](http://www.TheSheldon.org). Among the artists scheduled for the season are **Chick Corea, Leo Kottke, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Marty Stuart, Suzy Bogguss, The Dizzy Gillespie™ Afro Cuban Experience, David Halen and Will James** from the St. Louis Symphony, and more.

Subscribers may also add “Special Concerts” to their subscription order, including **Hugh Masekela and Vusi Mahlasela**, performing in celebration of 20 years of freedom in South Africa, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Folk and Roots Festival, presented in partnership with 88.1 KDHX, featuring **Sarah Jarosz**, acclaimed vocal ensemble **Chanticleer** and benefit concerts with **Rosanne Cash** and the **Blind Boys of Alabama**.

The Sheldon will also continue to offer the popular “Choose Your Own” Series, designed for busy music lovers whose schedule makes it difficult to attend all concerts in a particular series. “All-Access” tickets, which provide premium seating, free parking, use of the Patrons Lounge and a backstage pass, will also be available for all Sheldon series concerts.

Jazz at The Sheldon series tickets are \$150 orchestra / \$135 balcony, Fantastic Folk series tickets are \$180 orchestra / \$160 balcony, Sheldon Classics series tickets are \$75 orchestra / \$60 balcony, Coffee Concerts are \$65 orchestra / \$55 balcony, Saturday Matinee tickets are \$25 per adult subscription ticket / \$10 per child, and Peter Martin Music is \$95 VIP / \$65 orchestra / \$55 balcony. All new subscriptions will go on sale Monday, May 12 at 10 a.m. and sales will continue through the first concert in each series. To order subscription tickets, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit [www.TheSheldon.org](http://www.TheSheldon.org).

Single tickets for all concerts (unless otherwise noted) go on sale August 9 at 10 a.m. through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or at [www.TheSheldon.org](http://www.TheSheldon.org).

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## **JAZZ AT THE SHELDON**

Don't miss four nights of jazz legends, up-and-coming vocalists and hot instrumentals! Saturdays at 8 p.m.

### **Chick Corea\*\***

**October 11, 2014**

Since embarking on a solo career in 1966, 20-time Grammy winner and keyboard virtuoso Chick Corea has been at the forefront of jazz, both as a renowned pianist forging new ground with his acoustic jazz bands, and as an innovative electric keyboardist. Don't miss this very special solo show by a living jazz legend.

*\$50 orchestra/\$45 balcony*

### **Swing Xing! Three Generations of Swing Guitar featuring Bucky Pizzarelli, Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo**

**November 15, 2014**

Three generations of guitarists come together for a swinging night of jazz! The legendary Bucky Pizzarelli leads the way with his seven-string guitar, along with Frank Vignola, one of today's most in-demand session players, and young phenom Vinny Raniolo, who exploded onto the jazz scene in recent years.

*\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony/\$15 student*

### **The Dizzy Gillespie™ Afro-Cuban Experience**

**March 21, 2015**

A group of all-star jazz musicians carry on the tradition of the late, great Dizzy Gillespie – an innovator and pioneer of the Latin jazz movement. Featuring John Lee, longtime bassist with Dizzy Gillespie, and special guest percussionist Machito, Jr., namesake and son of the legendary Gillespie collaborator, the six-piece ensemble promises an exciting mix of Afro-Cuban sounds!

*\$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony/\$15 student*

### **Cécile McLorin Salvant**

**May 2, 2015**

One of the fastest rising stars in the jazz world, vocalist Cécile McLorin Salvant performs imaginative renditions of classic songs and lesser-known gems. A 2014 Grammy nominee for her album *WomanChild*, McLorin Salvant has been praised by Radio France as “disarmingly musical with the class of Sarah Vaughan, the instinct of Betty Carter and the dark lows of Carmen McRae.”

*\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony/\$15 student*

**Subscription Price: \$150 orchestra/\$135 balcony (Best Value!)**

*Jazz at The Sheldon is welcomed by WSIE 88.7 The Jazz Station*

*\*\*Part of the American Arts Experience-St. Louis*

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### **Peter Martin Music Series**

The Sheldon is pleased to present **Peter Martin Music**, a concert series showcasing St. Louis' own, jazz pianist Peter Martin. He brings jazz home to the Lou with this exciting series featuring Peter on piano along with special guests.

**November 21, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

**February 27, 2015 at 8 p.m.**

*\$50 VIP/\$35 orchestra/\$30 balcony*

**Subscription Price: \$95 VIP/\$65 orchestra/\$55 balcony (Best Value!)**

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## **FANTASTIC FOLK**

Singer-songwriters, country greats and roots pioneers come together to create “Fantastic Folk!” Fridays at 8 p.m.

### **Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives\*\***

**October 3, 2014**

Grammy-winning music icon Marty Stuart returns to The Sheldon in his trademark Nudie suit, performing music inspired by his Mississippi Delta upbringing and deep country roots. Stuart has performed and recorded with music legends including Merle Haggard and Johnny Cash, and is destined to join their ranks as one of country music’s most influential stars. Stuart’s concert celebrates the opening of the Sheldon Art Galleries exhibit “The Art of Country Music-Photographs and Memorabilia,” which showcases photography and country memorabilia from his private collection.

*\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony*

### **The Wailin’ Jennys**

**November 7, 2014**

Singer/songwriters Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Heather Masse are known for their beautiful vocal harmonies and inventive arrangements. They have appeared several times on *A Prairie Home Companion* and at major folk festivals throughout the U.S. and Canada. With their varying backgrounds, each of the “Jennys” brings a unique sensibility to the group, but together, they forge an irresistible, unified folk-pop sound.

*\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony*

### **Leo Kottke**

**February 6, 2015**

Leo Kottke’s powerful guitar playing and his intimate relationship with audiences have made him one of folk music’s favorite live performers. Known for his innovative 12-string guitar technique, Kottke is a member of the *Guitar Player Magazine* Hall of Fame.

*\$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony*

### **Los Folkloristas**

**March 27, 2015**

For over 45 years, Los Folkloristas have pioneered the preservation of folk music in their native Mexico and Latin America. The legendary group is devoted to the investigation of cultural expressions and the celebration of their folkloric roots, incorporating this knowledge into their repertoire.

*Co-presented with the Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis*

*\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony*

### **Suzy Bogguss: A Tribute to Merle Haggard**

**April 24, 2015**

Known for her crystal-clear voice, platinum-selling singer Suzy Bogguss has been honored with multiple Grammy and Country Music Association awards over the course of her extensive career. Bogguss returns to The Sheldon performing music from her new release *Lucky*, an homage to the songwriting of country music legend Merle Haggard.

*\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony*

**Subscription Price: \$180 orchestra/\$160 balcony (Best Value!)**

***Fantastic Folk is welcomed by 88.1 KDHX***

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## SHELDON CLASSICS

### **A World of Music – Africa, Asia, and Central and South America**

Sheldon Classics celebrates the musical influences of Africa, Asia, and Central and South America in three dynamic classical concerts, programmed in conjunction with an exhibition of instruments from the Hartenberger World Music Collection in the Sheldon Art Galleries. A complimentary dessert reception follows each of the three concerts, giving you an opportunity to meet the artists. Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

The Sheldon is also pleased to announce the third season of our partnership with the Mizzou New Music Initiative and the Sinquefield Charitable Foundation for the commission of a series of new musical works.

#### **Africa**

**January 28, 2015**

St. Louis Symphony principal percussionist Will James is joined by pianist Peter Henderson and other members of the St. Louis Symphony for music inspired by the rhythms and sounds of Africa. Will James will play two works for solo marimba, and Peter Henderson will play music by Scott Joplin, William Grant Still and St. Louis' own Fred Onovwerosuoke.

*\$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony/\$15 student*

#### **Asia**

**February 25, 2015**

Asia is a large and diverse continent, and many classical composers have been influenced by its music, including Claude Debussy, Florent Schmitt and Dmitry Kabalevsky. We'll hear their beautiful and imaginative works, as well as music by 20<sup>th</sup> century composer Toru Takemitsu, and top composers of today - Bright Sheng and Tan Dun.

*\$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony/\$15 student*

#### **Central and South America**

**April 8, 2015**

Symphony concertmaster David Halen and guitarist Kirk Hanser lead the way in a colorful program from Central and South America. Featured will be music by Mexican composers Carlos Chavez and Silvestre Revueltas, Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, Argentinian composer Albert Ginastera and tangos by Astor Piazzolla.

*\$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony/\$15 student*

**Subscription Price: \$75 orchestra/\$60 balcony (Best Value!)**

*Welcomed by RAF-STL*

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## ALARM WILL SOUND

Cutting-edge chamber orchestra Alarm Will Sound returns for its third "St. Louis Season!" The ensemble performs the newest music being composed today with energetic virtuosity and a sense of adventure, creating programs that not only span a wide range of styles, but also innovate the traditional concert experience itself.

**October 17, 2014 - 250 Years of St. Louis Music: American Music at its Best! (see "Special Concerts")**

*Tickets: \$30 (includes general admission performances in Concert Hall, Ballroom and Spiering Room)*

**December 11, 2014 featuring special guest**

*Tickets: \$35 general admission orchestra/\$30 general admission balcony*

**January 23, 2015**

**May 28, 2015**

*Tickets: \$20 general admission orchestra/\$15 general admission balcony*

*Sponsored by the Sinquefield Charitable Foundation and the Mizzou New Music Initiative.*

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## COFFEE CONCERTS

Enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries at 9 a.m. in the beautiful Louis Spiering Room, just before these one-hour concerts at 10 a.m. in the historic Sheldon Concert Hall. (\*\* indicates subscription series date)

### **Cornet Chop Suey**

**Tues.\*\* & Wed., October 7 & 8, 2014**

Cornet Chop Suey wows St. Louis audiences with their exciting style of traditional jazz, swing and blues music. With Brian Casserly, Tom Tucker, Jerry Epperson and Brett Stamps on the front line, and Paul Reid, Al Sherman and John Gillick making up the rhythm section, Cornet Chop Suey promises a high-energy good time!

*\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony*

### **Brian Owens “A Tribute to Nat ‘King’ Cole”**

**Tues.\*\* & Wed., November 18 & 19, 2014**

Singer Brian Owens is rapidly earning a reputation as one of the most promising young soul singers on today’s music scene. He returns to The Sheldon with a tribute to the legendary Nat “King” Cole, performing his best loved songs such as “Mona Lisa,” “Unforgettable” and more!

*\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony*

### **“Winter Wonderland”**

**Tues.\*\* & Wed., December 16 & 17, 2014**

**featuring Zoe Vonder Haar, John Flack, Peter Merideth, Emily Peterson and Steve Neale**

Celebrate the season with a wonderful mix of winter and holiday music, old and new, performed by acclaimed actress Zoe Vonder Haar and a cast of some of St. Louis’ finest singers! Hear favorites such as “Winter Wonderland,” “I’ll Be Home For Christmas,” and many others including the Oscar winning song from *Frozen*, “Let It Go.”

*\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony*

### **“The Traditional Music of Ireland”**

**Tues.\*\* & Wed., March 17 & 18, 2015**

**featuring Kevin Buckley, Eileen Gannon, Ian Walsh and Shannon Flecke**

Acclaimed Celtic fiddler Kevin Buckley and friends bring the sounds of the Emerald Isle to The Sheldon stage - just in time for St. Patrick’s Day! Celebrate with a range of Irish music, from reels and jigs to traditional ballads!

*\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony*

### **Swing Set**

**Tues.\*\* & Wed., April 21 & 22, 2015**

From swing, jump and jive to Latin, polka and waltzes, Swing Set performs some of the best songs from the 1930s and ‘40s jazz era. Combining fresh arrangements, humor and excellent musicianship, the band’s charming performances harken back to an era of dance hall bands and moonlight ballads.

*\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony*

**Subscription Price: \$65 orchestra/\$55 balcony** (*Tuesday mornings*)

*(Best Value!)*

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### **SPECIAL COFFEE CONCERT** **(NOT part of subscription series)**

#### **St. Louis Stompers**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

Since forming in 1981, the St. Louis Stompers have played a mixture of Chicago and New Orleans style traditional jazz and Dixieland, reminiscent of Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver. With years of experience between them, the Stompers talented musicians have performed with groups such as the Sammy Kaye Orchestra, Jean Kittrell’s Old St. Louis Levee Band, the Gateway City Big Band and the St. Louis Rivermen.

*\$15 orchestra/\$12 balcony (not included in subscription package)*

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## **SATURDAY MATINEES**

Bring the entire family for these lively matinee concerts, Saturdays at 11 a.m.

### **The Munny Kids: “Broadway Here I Come”**

**January 31, 2015**

The talented Munny kids and teens take you on a musical journey to the “Great White Way” with favorite Broadway songs, old and new. The Munny is a St. Louis institution, bringing musical theatre to life every summer for over 90 years.

*\$12 adult reserved/\$5 child reserved*

### **Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers**

**March 7, 2015**

Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers return by popular demand, with their exciting blend of authentic hot jazz, swing, rhythm & blues and rock and roll, spanning the 1920s-1950s. Fronted by a high energy female vocalist and backed by a swingin’ rhythm section, Miss Jubilee is a favorite among swing dancers and fans of all ages who enjoy uplifting music!

*\$12 adult reserved/\$5 child reserved*

### **Bottoms Up Blues Gang**

**May 9, 2015**

Vocalist Kari Liston, guitarist Jeremy Segel-Moss, and a gang of outstanding musicians have performed throughout the country as the Bottoms Up Blues Gang for almost a decade. Presenting a fresh yet authentic take on an old-timey blues sound, the Bottoms Up Blues Gang brings youthful energy to the traditional sounds of St. Louis.

*\$12 adult reserved/\$5 child reserved*

**Subscription Price: \$25 adult/\$10 child**

*(Best Value!)*

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## **SPECIAL CONCERTS**

Add variety to your series with these special concerts you won't want to miss!

### **St. Louis Folk and Roots Festival**

**September 26 and 27, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

The Sheldon and 88.1 KDHX present the 3rd Annual Folk and Roots Festival, a three-day event celebrating folk and roots music, throughout Grand Center.

#### **Sarah Jarosz with Blue Canyon Boys and special guest Betse Ellis      Friday, September 26 at 8 p.m.**

With dynamic songwriting and a fresh, authentic sound, Sarah Jarosz brings roots music into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! The 22-year-old multi-instrumentalist and Grammy-nominee hails from Austin, TX. The Colorado-based Blue Canyon Boys blend sweet harmonies with virtuoso instrumental skill, making them one of the most popular festival bands touring today. Opening the concert is fiddler and songwriter Betse Ellis.

#### **The 23 String Band with Foghorn Stringband and special guest Riley Baugus**

**Saturday, September 27 at 8 p.m.**

Two of today's leaders in the vibrant old-time music revival heat up this year's festival! The 23 String Band and Foghorn Stringband perform fun, fuel-injected, original Americana music that weaves old timey bluegrass with rock-n-roll energy! A favorite at festivals and workshops around the country, banjoist Riley Baugus opens the concert.

**Folk and Roots Festival Package: \$60** includes Friday and Saturday night concerts at The Sheldon, a late night Friday square dance, Saturday daytime workshops, Saturday night after party concert at The Stage at KDHX, and Sunday workshops and Old-Time Fiddle Contest. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit [folkandrootsstl.com](http://folkandrootsstl.com).

**Friday Concert only:** \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony

**Saturday Concert only:** \$35 orchestra/\$30 balcony

*Presented in partnership with 88.1 KDHX*

### **Hugh Masekela & Vusi Mahlasela**

**October 4, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

#### **20 Years of Freedom: featuring South Africa's Freedom Songs**

Two of South Africa's renowned musical icons come together to honor twenty years of democracy and the official end of Apartheid in their native country. In a collaborative performance, Hugh Masekela and Vusi Mahlasela pay homage with a collection of "freedom" songs, including many of their own, on their first-ever joint tour.

*\$75 VIP orchestra/\$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony*

*Sponsored by The Steward Family Foundation and World Wide Technology, Inc.*

*Welcomed by 88.1 KDHX*

### **250 Years of St. Louis Music: American Music at its Best!\*\***

**October 17, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

#### **A Music Extravaganza featuring St. Louis Favorites: Denise Thimes, Peter Martin, Kim Massie, Billy Peek, Alarm Will Sound and more!**

Music has been a vital part of St. Louis for 250 years – from the folk music of the French founders and the waves of settlers who came later, to classical music at the highest level, and especially to the city's major contributions to ragtime, blues, jazz, R&B, rock and beyond. Top St. Louis musicians will fill the Sheldon Concert Hall, Ballroom and Louis Spiering Room to celebrate - through riveting performances and projected images - these many genres of American music, from historic roots to the present day. Ragtime, blues and jazz artists are joined by cutting edge contemporary chamber orchestra Alarm Will Sound in the Concert Hall, featuring a world premiere performance of a new commissioned composition by Stefan Freund inspired by St. Louis' musical heritage. The music continues in the Ballroom and Spiering Room with more jazz, rock and R&B!

Pre-concert festivities begin in the lobby and Sheldon Art Galleries. It's a music celebration not to be missed!

*Tickets: \$30 (includes general admission performances in Concert Hall, Ballroom and Spiering Room)*

*Made possible by the Sinquefeld Charitable Foundation*

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**Chanticleer****October 28, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

Called “the world’s reigning male chorus” by *The New Yorker* magazine, the San Francisco-based, Grammy award-winning ensemble returns to The Sheldon! With a seamless blend of its twelve male voices, ranging from countertenor to bass, Chanticleer thrills with its interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance and jazz, to gospel and adventurous new music.  
*\$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony*

*Welcomed by RAF-STL*

**SpokFrevo Orquestra****November 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

Born out of the carnivals of Pernambuco, Brazil, *Frevo* is a swinging musical tradition known for driving rhythms and limitless energy! Led by “Maestro Spok,” the SpokFrevo Orquestra is a true big band that introduces this uniquely infectious art form to the world.

*\$35 orchestra/\$30 balcony*

*Sponsored in-part by Fernando Mercê*

**ArtSounds! Rosanne Cash****November 20, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Rosanne Cash has lived up to the legend of her father Johnny, with 11 number one singles and a Grammy Award, plus ten other Grammy nominations, to her credit. With a sound that blurs the lines between country, rock, roots and pop, Cash returns to The Sheldon for this very special night to benefit the Sheldon Art Galleries!

*Patron tickets: \$500/\$300/\$150*

*Concert-only tickets: \$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony*

**Patron tickets** in support of the Sheldon Art Galleries are on sale now at and include preferred seating, a pre-concert reception, complimentary parking and a tax deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900.

**Single tickets go on sale October 11 at 10 a.m., but subscribers can request single tickets with their subscription order!** Tickets will be assigned before the general on sale date.

*Welcomed by 88.1 KDHX*

**Friends Benefit: Go Tell It On The Mountain: The Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show with special guest Ruthie Foster****December 13, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

One of today’s most celebrated gospel groups, the Blind Boys of Alabama have spread the spirit and energy of pure soul gospel music for over 60 years, ever since the original group formed at the Alabama Institute for the Negro Blind in 1939. Back by popular demand, the Blind Boys return with their soulful, uplifting Christmas celebration!

*Patron tickets: \$150/\$125*

*Concert-only tickets: \$55 orchestra/\$50 balcony*

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**Patron tickets** in support of Sheldon educational programs are on sale now and include preferred seating, a pre-concert reception, complimentary parking and a tax deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900.

**Single tickets go on sale November 8, 2014 at 10 a.m. but subscribers can request single tickets with their subscription order!** Tickets will be assigned before the general on sale date.

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