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THE SHELDON PRESENTS JAZZ VOCALIST KURT ELLING TO BENEFIT SHELDON ART GALLERIES

ST. LOUIS — **Kurt Elling** will make his Sheldon debut on June 6 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Proceeds from this special evening benefit the Sheldon Art Galleries. Grammy winner Kurt Elling is among the world's foremost jazz vocalists. He has won every *DownBeat* Critics Poll for the last fourteen years and has been named "Male Singer of the Year" by the Jazz Journalists Association eight times in that same span. Every one of Elling's ten albums has been nominated for a Grammy.

Elling's rich baritone spans four octaves and features both astonishing technical mastery and emotional depth. His repertoire includes original compositions and modern interpretations of standards, all of which are springboards for inspired improvisation, scatting, spoken word, and poetry.

The New York Times declared, "Elling is the standout male vocalist of our time." *The Washington Post* added, "Since the mid-1990s, no singer in jazz has been as daring, dynamic or interesting as Kurt Elling. With his soaring vocal flights, his edgy lyrics and sense of being on a musical mission, he has come to embody the creative spirit in jazz."

Patron level "Return to Gaslight Square" party tickets are on sale now at \$500, \$250 and \$125 and include preferred seating, a post-concert, Gaslight Square-themed dessert reception, complimentary parking and a tax deduction. For patron tickets and more information, call The Sheldon's Development Department 314-533-9900.

Concert-only tickets are \$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony 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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