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**THE SHELDON ART GALLERIES ANNOUNCES THE PUBLICATION
OF “THE CITY AT 250,” AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN STORES NOW**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon Art Galleries, in partnership with Bluebird Publishing, is pleased to announce the release of *The City at 250: A Celebration of St. Louis in Photographs*. The 120-page book serves as a companion piece to the exhibition of the same name, on view at the Sheldon Art Galleries through August 23. A stunning collection of recent award-winning photographs that capture the city at its best, it is a great coffee-table gift book, designed to commemorate the city’s 250th anniversary. *The City at 250: A Celebration of St. Louis in Photographs* is \$24.95 plus tax, and is available in The Sheldon’s gift shop, online at TheSheldon.org or bluebirdbookpub.com, and at book sellers throughout the city.

The City at 250 is the culmination of a citywide photo contest organized by the Sheldon Art Galleries and the *St. Louis Beacon* (now merged with St. Louis Public Radio) to celebrate the 250th anniversary of St. Louis. The exhibition and book feature 100 photographs of the city’s people, neighborhoods, events and architecture, culled from more than 500 entries. Included are many of the city’s beloved landmarks photographed by its own residents including the Arch, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Forest Park, Crown Candy Kitchen, City Garden, Busch Stadium, the Fabulous Fox Theatre and more.

The not-for-profit Sheldon Art Galleries exhibits works by local, national and international artists in all media. Over 6,000 square feet of the galleries’ spaces on the 2nd floor are permanently devoted to rotating exhibits of photography, architecture, jazz art and history, and children’s art. A sculpture garden, seen from both the atrium lobby and the connecting glass bridge, features periodic rotations and installations, and the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Gallery on the lower level features art of all media. The Sheldon actively supports the work of St. Louis artists in all mediums and features a dedicated gallery with museum-quality exhibits by St. Louis artists, past and present.

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