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**THE DIZZY GILLESPIE AFRO-CUBAN EXPERIENCE CELEBRATES  
AN EXCITING MIX OF LATIN SOUNDS AT THE SHELDON**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents The Dizzy Gillespie™ Afro-Cuban Experience, Saturday, March 21 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. 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 Michito Jr., namesake and son of the legendary Gillespie collaborator, the six-piece ensemble promises an exciting mix of Afro-Cuban sounds!

The Afro-Cuban Experience showcases the unique rhythms and well-loved melodies, such as “Monteca” and “Tin Tin Deo,” of Gillespie’s creations of Gu-Bop which he developed with Chano Pozo in the ‘40s and ‘50s. Their repertoire also explores the broader world of Latin-American music – the tunes that Dizzy would have been playing today.

Musicians are drawn from the high-caliber pool of New York-based talent that frequent the Dizzy Gillespie Big Band and All Star groups, such as trumpeter Freddie Hendrix, saxophonist Sharel Cassity, Brazilian pianist/vocalist Abelita Mateus, drummer Tommy Campbell and percussionist Roger Squitiero. They perform with energy, verve and style, putting their own fresh stamp on a well-known genre.

Tickets are \$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony/\$15 student, and are on sale now through MetroFix 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.

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