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**THE TILLERS KICK OFF 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. LOUIS FOLK & ROOTS FESTIVAL  
IN SHELDON BALLROOM**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon and KDHX present The Tillers, Blind Boy Paxton and Anna & Elizabeth, Friday, September 25 at 8 p.m. in The Sheldon Ballroom. The groups appear as part of the 4th Annual St. Louis Folk and Roots Festival, taking place September 24-27, celebrating folk and roots music throughout Grand Center. Visit [folkandrootsfestival.com](http://folkandrootsfestival.com) for a full schedule of events.

The Cincinnati based band **The Tillers** brings a high-intensity, percussive style to traditional bluegrass favorites. With a sound that encompasses a wide range of musical styles - traditional folk, bluegrass, jazz, punk rock - The Tillers musical growth can be heard through the scope of their albums, 2008's debut record *Ludlow Street Rag*, 2010's *By The Signs*, 2011's *Wild Hog in the Woods*, 2012's *Live from the Historic Southgate House* and 2013's *Hand On The Plow*. They have shared the stage with a variety of artists, ranging from renowned folk legends such as Doc Watson, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Guy Clark, Country Joe McDonald, Jerry Douglas, Iris Dement, Pokey LaFarge and The Carolina Chocolate Drops to rambunctious rock daredevils like the Legendary Shack Shakers.

They are joined by special guest **Blind Boy Paxton**, a modern day songster who has been described as the living embodiment of a true old-time bluesman. Opening act **Anna & Elizabeth** bring a captivating mix of ballads, foot-stomping dance tunes, stories and visual art to the stage.

**Folk and Roots Festival Package:** \$60 includes a Thursday night festival kick off, Friday and Saturday night concerts at The Sheldon, Saturday daytime workshops, Friday and Saturday night after party concerts at The Stage at KDHX, and Sunday Old-Time Fiddle Contest. **Single tickets for The Tillers** are \$20 general admission in The Sheldon Ballroom. Packages and tickets 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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