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## **SINGER/SONGWRITER TOM CHAPIN RETURNS TO THE SHELDON FOR AN EVENING OF HEARTFELT FOLK MUSIC**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Tom Chapin**, Friday, January 22 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Tom Chapin has been called “one of the great personalities in contemporary folk music” by *The New York Times*, a claim supported by a career that spans five decades, over 20 albums, and three Grammy Awards. A creative and diverse singer/songwriter hailing from the musically prominent Chapin family that includes late brother Harry and father Jim, a jazz drummer, Tom Chapin promises an evening of heartfelt, insightful folk music.

Chapin was born in 1945 in New York City. He starred in the ABC TV series “Make a Wish,” which ran from 1971 until 1976, and in 1976, released a solo LP, *Life Is Like That*. In 1979, he issued *Mother Earth*, entering the scene as a children’s entertainer, though his music for kids has been equally embraced by adults and children alike. Much of Chapin’s music is rooted in the folk tradition of Pete Seeger and the Weavers, however he has also written several blues songs. His music often features the syncopated rhythms of Latin music, and Chapin often includes one classical piece with each children’s album.

In 2015, in recognition of his 70th birthday, Sundance records issued his folk album *70*. The album features backup by collaborators Jon Cobert and Micahel Mark, as well as Guy Davis, John Guth and the Chapin Sisters.

Single tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony. 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 a VIP concert experience, All-Access tickets are available by calling 314-533-9900, ext. 17. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

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