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SINGER/SONGWRITER RUTHIE FOSTER RETURNS TO THE SHELDON

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Ruthie Foster with special guest Bottoms Up Blues Gang**, Friday, February 19 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Back by popular demand, Ruthie Foster brings her astonishing voice and thrilling blend of folk, blues, soul and gospel to The Sheldon stage. Foster has collaborated with artists ranging from Bonnie Raitt to The Allman Brothers and Susan Tedeschi, and has recorded tracks with Warren Haynes, Big Head Todd and The Blind Boys of Alabama, among others.

Foster's debut album, *Full Circle*, released in 1997, followed by *Crossover* in 1999, helped secure her as an up-and-coming singer/songwriter in the Austin scene, leading her to sign with Blue Corn and release seven albums, including the Grammy nominated albums *The Truth According to Ruthie Foster* in 2009, *Let It Burn* in 2012 and *Promise of a Brand New Day* in 2014. She has also released two live albums, *Stages* in 2004 and *Live At Antone's*, a CD and DVD release, in 2011. To date, her artistry and creative output have been lauded with accolades on regional and national platforms. Outside of her 2010, 2012 and 2014 Grammy nominations, Foster has been recognized by organizations such as the Austin Music Awards (2007, 2008 and 2013 Best Female Vocalist), Blues Music Awards (2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013), Living Blues Awards (2010 Critics' Poll Winner and 2011 nominee for Blues Female Artist of the Year).

Vocalist Kari Liston, guitarist Jeremy Segel-Moss, and a band of outstanding musicians have performed throughout the country as the **Bottoms Up Blues Gang** (BUBG) for almost a decade. Presenting a fresh yet authentic take on an old-timey blues sound, the Bottoms Up Blues Gang brings youthful energy to the traditional sounds of St. Louis.

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, 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.

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