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**THE SHELDON AWARDED GRANT BY MONSANTO FUND  
TO SUPPORT ARTS, STEM PROGRAMS**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$15,000 grant from the Monsanto Fund. With the support of the Monsanto Fund, The Sheldon will be able to support educational programs serving over 25,000 grade school and high school students in the St. Louis region, including 10,000 young people from St. Louis Public Schools and other urban and rural districts serving disadvantaged students.

Components of Sheldon education programs include “The Jazz Story,” “Folk Music in the Melting Pot,” “Nothin’ but the Blues,” “Lewis and Clark,” “Classical Connections,” “Drums and Dances of Africa” and “The American Musical.” Other programs include The Sheldon’s SOLID Project (Science of Learning Instrument Design), “The Sheldon and Your School Presents,” The Sheldon On-Line Music Academy and Mentoring Program, visual arts workshops and master classes, as well as other programs to benefit high school bands and ensemble groups.

A new program being developed titled “The Sound and Science of Music” will teach STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines and how they relate to music.

“With the support of the Monsanto Fund, students will learn the STEM disciplines along with the creativity of the Arts, and will be introduced to a wide range of music and visual arts. They will be able to participate in workshops and be mentored, be offered performance and exhibit opportunities in the Sheldon Concert Hall and Art Galleries, as well as be able to participate in programs that enhance their knowledge and skills in many other parts of the school curriculum,” said Susan Wise, Director of Education.

The Sheldon opened its doors in 1912 and the Concert Hall is known around the world for its perfect acoustics. Today The Sheldon presents jazz, folk, classical and world music concerts and the adjoining Sheldon Art Galleries present quality exhibits in many genres. Over 25,000 young people are engaged in Sheldon education programs and, overall, 125,000 individuals participate in over 350 events each year.

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