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### **BRIAN OWENS CLOSSES SHELDON MATINEE SERIES IN MAY**

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon presents **Brian Owens: "Lean On Me,"** Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Acclaimed vocalist Brian Owens is quickly making a name for himself nationally as the new torch bearer for classic soul music in the tradition of Marvin Gaye and Sam Cooke. He returns to The Sheldon with a tribute to the legendary Bill Withers, performing hits including "Lean on Me," "Just the Two of Us," and more!

St. Louis based singer and soul musician Brian Owens is rapidly earning a reputation as one of the most promising young vocalists on today's music scene, performing on television for *Good Morning America*, BET's *Jazz Discovery*, and the Emmy Award-winning *The Wayne Brady Show*. The music of Brian Owens is a synthesis of the intimacy of Bill Withers' urban folk, the vocal style of Sam Cooke and the soul stirring emotion and social consciousness of Donny Hathaway. All of these elements combine to create a sound that is unique and a voice that is distinctively his own. "I write and sing about what I know, like most singer/songwriters who influenced me," Owens explains. "I've found that there is nothing new to write about – just new ways to write about the traditional, but exciting, ways of life."

Tickets are \$12 adult reserved/\$5 child reserved, and 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 or group rates, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

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