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KATHY MATTEA AND BILL COOLEY OPEN THE SHELDON FOLK SERIES WITH “ACOUSTIC LIVING ROOM”

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents “**Acoustic Living Room,**” **Kathy Mattea with Bill Cooley**, Friday, October 14 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Vocalist Kathy Mattea has taken a journey of discovery through folk, bluegrass, gospel and Celtic music over her eighteen albums, earning two Grammys and four Country Music Association awards along the way. Best known for the classic song “Eighteen Wheels and A Dozen Roses,” Mattea, along with longtime collaborator Bill Cooley, brings her intimate “Acoustic Living Room” concert to The Sheldon, featuring favorites and rarities from throughout her 30-year career.

Grammy Award winning singer **Kathy Mattea** and her longtime collaborator, guitarist **Bill Cooley**, have shared one of Nashville’s most musically rich partnerships for over two decades. The duo meets as old friends, welcoming audiences into “The Acoustic Living Room” to share songs and stories near and dear to their hearts. Their repertoire includes Mattea’s beloved classics and hits, plus a handful of more eclectic and often requested tunes from her extensive catalogue, and a sprinkling of brand new material, all reinterpreted for the duo format. A genuine storyteller, Mattea draws inspiration from her Appalachian roots and is a torchbearer for often overlooked musical legacies like those of Hazel Dickens and Jean Ritchie. Her most recent album, *Calling Me Home*, is a collection of songs that celebrates the Appalachian culture of her native West Virginia and expands the vocabulary of acoustic roots music that has always served as her artistic center.

Tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony 1/\$30 balcony 2 and 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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