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“WINTER WONDERLAND” OPENS SHELDON MATINEE SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents “**Winter Wonderland**” featuring Zoe Vonder Haar, John Flack, Peter Merideth, Emily Peterson and Steve Neale, Saturday, December 3 at 11 a.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Celebrate the season with a wonderful mix of winter and holiday music, old and new, performed by acclaimed actress Zoe Vonder Haar and a cast of some of St. Louis’ finest singers. Hear favorites such as “Snow,” from *White Christmas*, “Sleigh Ride,” “Joy to the World” and many more!

John Flack has performed in educational theater throughout the Midwest. He toured with The Muni 1st Stage, The Repertory Theatre’s Imaginary Theatre Company and Shakespeare Festival St. Louis, appearing in hundreds of schools. He has the pleasure of being a long-time acting company member at STAGES St. Louis, where he has appeared in over 50 productions. From the several professional theatres he is associated with, favorite roles include: *Smoke on the Mountain* (Reverend Oglethorpe), *Art* (Marc), *My Fair Lady* (Colonel Pickering), *The Normal Heart* (Ned Weeks), and the title role in *Snoopy*.

With a strong performance background and a bachelor’s in musical theatre, **Peter Merideth** is a much sought after tenor in the St. Louis music scene. He also sings with the a capella quartet The Wee Heavies, dedicated to music from and influenced by the Celtic tradition. Merideth is an attorney in south St. Louis City with his own law practice, GroundUp STL LLC, and was just elected to be the next state representative for Missouri’s 80th District in 2016.

Steve Neale is an award-winning pianist, vocalist, conductor and composer. He has music directed shows across the country and is an in-demand studio and live pianist. In addition to freelance music and music direction, Neale conducts the renowned St. Margaret of Scotland parish choir and teaches music at Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School. He also owns and operates Song of the Ostrich, a company specializing in creating original music and soundscapes for media and live events, and Music Director’s Friend, providing musical support for actors, theaters, students and professionals.

Emily Peterson is a performer and teacher based out of St. Louis. She earned her B.F.A. in Musical Theater from Penn State University and has performed in New York, on cruise ships and around the country. In addition to performing, she also teaches private voice lessons, teaches music at Villa Duchesne and is the Musical Director of the Muni Kids.

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Zoe Vonder Haar toured in the First International Company of *A Chorus Line* for 2 1/2 years before returning to her hometown of St. Louis to raise her family. She has since performed in over 100 productions including such roles as Mame (*Mame*), Mama Rose (*Gypsy*), Dolly Levi (*Hello Dolly!*), Cassie (*A Chorus Line*) and Louise (*Always Patsy Cline*). A company member at STAGES St. Louis for 28 years, Vonder Haar also performs regularly at The Muny and The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. She teaches dance, directs and choreographs at several area schools.

Saturday Matinee subscriptions available at \$25 adult/\$10 child. Call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900. Single tickets are \$12 adult/\$5 child, 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 more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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