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JAZZ TRUMPETER ETIENNE CHARLES CLOSES SHELDON JAZZ SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Etienne Charles, “Creole Soul,”** Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. One of today’s most compelling and exciting young jazz artists, trumpeter Etienne Charles, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, has recorded three impressive albums for his own Culture Shock Music imprint. His new album, *Creole Soul*, is a captivating journey that taps into a myriad of styles rooted in his Afro-Caribbean background, examining the musical depths of the islands, from calypso to Haitian voodoo music.

Charles has received critical acclaim for his exciting performances, inspiring compositions and knack for connecting with audiences worldwide. He has been hailed by *The New York Times* as “an auteur” and *Jazz Times* as “A daring improviser who delivers with heart wrenching lyricism.” As a soloist, he fully understands the New Orleans trumpet tradition and what famed Crescent City pianist, Jelly Roll Morton so succinctly captured in the now immortal phrase, “The Spanish Tinge.”

As a sideman he has performed and recorded with Monty Alexander, Roberta Flack, Frank Foster, Ralph MacDonald, Johnny Mandel, Wynton Marsalis, Marcus Roberts, Maria Schneider, Count Basie Orchestra, Eric Reed, Lord Blakie, David Rudder and many others.

The Sheldon Art Galleries’ Caribbean Experience: This concert is held in conjunction with the Sheldon Art Galleries’ benefit event: “Caribbean Experience.” Tickets include a pre-concert dinner buffet with food by Mi Caribe, cocktails, live music by Samba Bom, a ticket to the Etienne Charles concert, complimentary parking, a tax deduction and a post-concert dance party. Tickets are \$150, \$300 and \$500, call The Sheldon’s Development Department at 314-533-9900 to order.

Single tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony 1/\$25 balcony 2/\$15 student. 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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