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SINGER, HUMORIST AND ACTOR LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III MAKES DEBUT ON SHELDON “FOLK SERIES”

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Loudon Wainwright III** with special guest **Lucy Wainwright Roche**, Friday, April 21, 2017 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Singer, humorist and actor **Loudon Wainwright III** is a three-time Grammy-winner with 28 albums to his credit. He has appeared on multiple television shows and movies, and his songs have been recorded by Johnny Cash, Earl Scruggs, Bonnie Raitt, and his son, Rufus Wainwright.

Wainwright came of age musically in the “post-Dylan” 1970s, honing a self-deprecating wit and emotionally compelling songwriting style in the clubs and festivals of the Northeast. Born in Chapel Hill, N.C. in 1946, Wainwright rose to fame with the novelty song “Dead Skunk,” which was released by Columbia Records and became a Top 20 hit in 1972. As an actor, Wainwright has appeared in films directed by Martin Scorsese, Hal Ashby, Christopher Guest, Tim Burton, Cameron Crowe and Judd Apatow. He is best known for playing Captain Calvin Spalding, the “singing surgeon,” on the American television show, *M*A*S*H*.

Lucy Wainwright Roche is an American singer-songwriter, and the daughter of musicians Loudon Wainwright III and Suzy Roche. Preceded by two EPs, *8 Songs* and *8 More*, Roche released her debut album, *Lucy*, in October 2010. In addition to opening for such acts as the Indigo Girls, Dar Williams, Girlyman, Amos Lee, her father, and half-brother Rufus Wainwright, she has also sung backup for Grammy-nominated artist Neko Case, including an appearance with Case on the *Late Show with David Letterman*.

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