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ARLO GUTHRIE RETURNS TO THE SHELDON FOR FRIENDS OF THE SHELDON BENEFIT

Event: Arlo Guthrie

When: Friday, March 9, 2018 at 8 p.m.

Where: Sheldon Concert Hall

Tickets: **Patron tickets** are on sale now at \$150, and include a pre-concert reception, complimentary parking, preferred seating and a tax-deduction. Call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900.

Concert-only tickets on sale Friday, February 2 at 10 a.m.
\$55 orch 1 / \$45 orch 2 / \$40 balc 1 / \$35 balc 2
Call MetroTix at 314-534-1111 or visit TheSheldon.org.

ST. LOUIS – Folk music icon Arlo Guthrie is a legendary artist who shares timeless stories and unforgettable classic songs as he carries on the Guthrie Family legacy. With enduring hits like “City of New Orleans” and “Alice’s Restaurant,” Guthrie is a singular voice as both a singer-songwriter and social commentator.

The son of folk music pioneer Woody Guthrie, Arlo gave his first public performance in 1961 at age 13 and quickly became involved in the music scene that was shaping the world at that time. Guthrie made his name in the legendary “Folk Boom” clubs of the Northeast, and witnessed the transition from an earlier generation of ballad singers like Richard Dyer-Bennet and blues-men like Mississippi John Hurt, to a new era of singer-songwriters such as Bob Dylan, Jim Croce, Joan Baez and Phil Ochs, and beat poets like Allen Ginsburg and Lord Buckley, all of whom influenced Guthrie’s unique style.

Guthrie’s career exploded in 1967 with the release of “Alice’s Restaurant,” whose title song premiered at the Newport Folk Festival, helping to foster a new commitment among the ‘60s generation to social consciousness and activism. Since then, over the last five decades, Guthrie has toured throughout North America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia winning a wide, popular following. In addition to his accomplishments as a musician, Guthrie is a natural-born storyteller, whose tales and anecdotes figure prominently in his performances.

Proceeds from this special event benefit Sheldon Educational Programs which serve over 25,000 students per year.

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