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RICKY SKAGGS AND KENTUCKY THUNDER RETURN TO THE SHELDON ON FOLK SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder**, Friday, November 10, 2017 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Ricky Skaggs and his award-winning group return to The Sheldon with their trademark blend of classic bluegrass sounds and modern vitality and charisma. The winner of fourteen Grammys, multiple Country Music Association Awards, and twelve number one hits, Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder are among Nashville’s most revered and established performers.

Ricky Skaggs started his professional career in country music, and with the release of *Waitin’ for the Sun to Shine* in 1981, he reached the top of the country charts and remained there throughout most of the 1980s, resulting in a total of 12 #1 hits. In 1982, he became the youngest member of the Grand Ole Opry. As his popularity soared, he garnered eight awards from the Country Music Association (CMA), including “Entertainer of the Year” in 1985, four Grammy Awards, and dozens of other honors. These achievements placed him front and center in the neo-traditionalist movement, bringing renewed prominence to a sound that had been somewhat subdued by the commercialization of the “Urban Cowboy” fad. Renowned guitarist and producer Chet Atkins credited Skaggs with “single-handedly” saving country music.

After several decades of building a reputation for high-energy live shows and diverse repertoire, Skaggs branched out on his own to start the Skaggs Family Records label in 1997. Focusing on the roots of bluegrass and country music, Skaggs Family Records has released a string of Grammy nominated albums such as *Bluegrass Rules!*, *Soldier of the Cross* and *Ricky Skaggs Solo: Songs My Dad Loved*. Skaggs Family Records has had the privilege of working with many musical talents including The Del McCoury Band, Jerry and Tammy Sullivan, Blue Highway, The Whites, Mountain Heart, Melonie Cannon, Ryan Holladay, Keith Sewell, Cherryholmes and Cadillac Sky.

Tickets are limited! Single tickets are \$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony 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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