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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT THE SHELDON WITH THE SPANISH HARLEM ORCHESTRA

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon and the Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis present **Spanish Harlem Orchestra, “Salsa Navidad,”** Friday, December 8 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Celebrate the holidays with this 13-piece Latin jazz band that sets the standard for excellence in authentic, New York style, hard core salsa. They are known for their musically precise, yet fresh and exciting take on the music.

Two-time, Grammy-winning Spanish Harlem Orchestra have appeared at many of the great performing arts centers, festivals and venues around the world. “Salsa Navidad” is a show dedicated to classic Latino/Spanish music as well as American Christmas favorites done in a Latin/salsa style. Part of the show features the Puerto Rican Christmas style known as “Aguinaldo,” which reflects the spirit and cultural essence of the Caribbean. The program also features the ensemble’s non-holiday, original music for which they have become so well known.

The world-class musicians and vocalists of the Spanish Harlem Orchestra have earned acclaim for their on-stage energy, rich sound and musical precision. Now in its fourteenth year, the band is known for their raw, organic and vintage sound. The orchestra recently released their fifth album, featuring two of America’s great jazz icons, pianist Chick Corea and saxophonist Joe Lovano. They are on a mission to keep the musical legacy of salsa dura, “hard salsa,” alive, and expand its audience to anyone who loves great music. Grounded in the past, while focused on the future, The Spanish Harlem Orchestra strives to keep the music relevant, while creating a unique sound with a fresh approach.

Single tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony. 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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