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**“SHELDON CLASSICS” SERIES CELEBRATES THE MUSIC OF DEBUSSY  
WITH CONCERTMASTER DAVID HALEN**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Debussy and Friends** on The Sheldon Classics series, Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Concertmaster David Halen, along with fellow members of the St. Louis Symphony, mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Claude Debussy’s death in 1918 with a program that includes music by Debussy, Ravel and other composers of the era. Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel were the most prominent figures associated with impressionist music. Their music is noted for its sensory content and frequent use of nontraditional tonalities. Symbolism, the prominent French literary style of the period, directly inspired both.

David Halen began playing the violin at the age of 6, and earned his bachelor’s degree at the age of 19. In that same year, he won the Music Teachers National Association Competition and was granted a Fulbright scholarship for study with Wolfgang Marschner at the Freiburg Hochschule für Musik in Germany. As co-founder and artistic director of the Innsbrook Institute, Halen coordinates a weeklong festival in June consisting of exciting musical performances and an enclave for aspiring artists. In August, he serves as artistic director of the Missouri River Festival of the Arts in Boonville, Missouri.

Tickets are \$30 orchestra/\$25 balcony/\$15 student, and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, through The Sheldon’s website at [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org), or in person at The Fox Theatre Box Office, 534 N. Grand Blvd. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).

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