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SAINT LOUIS STORY STITCHERS BRINGS GLO SHOW TO THE SHELDON

Event: Pick the City UP Glo Sho!
When: Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Where: Sheldon Concert Hall
Tickets: Admission Free (suggested donation \$10), all ages welcome.

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Sheldon Art Galleries presents a special event, *Pick the City UP Glo Sho!*, in conjunction with the exhibit, *Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective: Pick the City UP* (through April 21, 2018) at the Sheldon Art Galleries. “Pick the City UP Glo Sho!” presents Saint Louis Story Stitchers’ unique brand of urban storytelling, featuring original, family-friendly spoken word, hip hop music and B-Boy dance moves on public health issues, including gun violence prevention. St. Louis’ top young performers and their mentors will encourage attendees to become a part of the movement to help make our city a healthier and happier place for all. Featured are Bobby Norfolk, Britt Baker and KP Dennis, along with members of the Story Stitchers Youth Council.

Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective: Pick the City UP presents an overview of recent Saint Louis Story Stitchers’ projects that focus on stopping gun violence, furthering the message through dynamic music videos, colorful documentary photographs, youth poetry from the Curating Teen Voices portfolio, and music and spoken word events. This audience-interactive exhibit includes a message wall and photos from the *Wish Box Project*, as well as a game called “TRAP LIFE Where Teen Choices Matter,” which visitors are encouraged to play. Developed by the young members of the collective, it helps to demonstrate the struggles that urban youth face and the tools they can utilize as they navigate teenage years.

Saint Louis Story Stitchers is a non-profit organization in St. Louis, founded by artist Susan Colangelo, whose mission is to document St. Louis through art and written and spoken word, thereby promoting understanding, civic pride, intergenerational relationships and literacy. In recent projects that stand against gun violence, artists worked alongside 15-24 year-old urban youths to collect stories, reframe and retell them using music and the visual arts, as well as through direct community engagement, storytelling, live performances, publishing and the internet.

For more information, call The Sheldon during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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