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## **PATTY GRIFFIN MAKES SHELDON DEBUT ON MAY 6**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Patty Griffin, with special guest AHI**, Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Grammy-Award winning artist Patty Griffin has earned great acclaim for her powerful songwriting and vocals. Known for her stripped-down folk music style, she has proven herself a writer of uncommon perception and character-driven story-telling.

Griffin's first two albums, *Living With Ghosts* and *Flaming Red*, are considered seminal albums in the singer-songwriter genre, while *Children Running Through* won Best Album, and led to her being named Best Artist, at the 2007 Americana Music Awards. Her 2010 gospel album, *Downtown Church*, won the Grammy that same year. Very much in the traditions of American transcendental writer Ralph Waldo Emerson, and mystical poets like Rumi and Rainer Maria Rilke, Patty Griffin grounds her themes of love and mystery in the experience and rhythms of the everyday, the stuff of life. Her songs have inspired covers by many of today's top artists including Emmylou Harris, The Dixie Chicks, Joan Baez and Bette Midler.

Her most recent album, *Servant of Love*, takes on big ideas, but does so in the vernacular of folk tales, blues cants and jazz gestures. Griffin's characteristic expressive vocals - equal measures passion and poignancy - and her potent songwriting, blur the lines between the personal, the spiritual and the political. These songs move and persuade while they dive deep.

Indie-soul singer-songwriter **AHI** (pronounced "eye") has been compared to artists such as Ray LaMontagne, Richie Havens and Tracy Chapman, favoring passion over precision in his award-winning music.

Tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony 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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