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THE SHELDON PARTNERS WITH ILLPHONICS TO PRESENT 'HIP HOP LIVE'

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon and iLLPHONiCS present “Hip Hop Live,” a three concert series, each featuring special guest DJ Nune in The Sheldon Ballroom. The Sheldon celebrates St. Louis’ long-standing and nationally respected hip hop scene as we partner with acclaimed group iLLPHONiCS to curate the series, featuring some of the best hip hop acts the city has to offer. Kicking off the series is **iLLPHONiCS with Black Spade**, Friday, September 14 at 8 p.m.

A five-piece experimental outfit, **iLLPHONiCS** sound is influenced by each founding member, and is an embodiment of their collective musical taste, upbringing and outlook on life. Larry Morris, Keith Moore, Kevin Koehler, Simon Chervitz and Chaz Brew create a soulful concoction of masterful lyricism surrounded by a symphony of jazzy bass lines, sharp drums, crisp guitars and ever-evolving keys. Each iLLPHONiCS performance guarantees a good time, broadcasting a sound that will make audiences dance, but also think. The band’s music videos have been in rotation on BET, IndiMusic TV, and featured in Foot Locker outlets. They’ve supported multiple touring artists including Lupe Fiasco, The Roots, RJD2, Blueprint and Wiz Khalifa. In addition to numerous South by Southwest appearances, they have performed at many other festivals including LouFest, Wakarusa and Middle of the Map.

With influences ranging from Prince and J Dilla to Radiohead and fusion-era Miles Davis, MC, producer and vocalist **Black Spade** combines warm, trippy synths, gritty hip-hop beats and downtempo neo-soul for a sound that defies genre.

General admission tickets are \$20. 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 more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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