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VIRTUOSIC PIANIST JON BATISTE OPENS SHELDON JAZZ SERIES WITH SPECIAL SOLO PERFORMANCE

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents Jon Batiste, Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. New Orleans-bred, New York-based Jon Batiste is a musician, educator and television personality whose talent has earned international acclaim. The virtuosic piano player incorporates soulful vocals and a playful stage presence and into his live performances, as he balances a demanding performance schedule with his roles as bandleader for the *Late Show with Stephen Colbert* and Artistic Director of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, public speaking engagements, master classes and occasional acting gigs.

Raised among the sounds and rhythms of New Orleans, Batiste comes from a renowned lineage of performers. He studied jazz and classical piano at The Juilliard School, is a “Movado Future Legend” award recipient and a “Steinway Performing Artist.” He has performed in over 40 countries, playing everywhere from Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center in the United States, to The Royal Concert Gebouw in Amsterdam and performances in South Africa, Spain, Paris and more. With his modern take on American music, and clever use of the harmonboard, Batiste has collaborated with musicians from across the spectrum such as Prince, Lenny Kravitz, Wynton Marsalis, Jimmy Buffett, Harry Connick Jr., Roy Hargrove, Cassandra Wilson, Mark O’Connor and Asher Roth among them.

Single tickets are \$50 orchestra/\$45 balcony 1/\$35 balcony 2. 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. 14. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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