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LEGENDARY BLUEGRASS GROUP HOT RIZE TO PLAY SHELDON FOLK SERIES

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents Hot Rize, Friday, November 2, 2018 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Legendary bluegrass group Hot Rize recently celebrated their 40th anniversary and are at the top of their musical game!

Tim O'Brien, Pete Wernick, Nick Forster and Charles Sawtelle first appeared onstage together as Hot Rize in 1978 and the bluegrass music world realized that the Colorado band was something special. By the time they bowed off the stage as a full-time act in 1990, they'd not only received the International Bluegrass Music Association's very first Entertainers of the Year Award, but their stature was recognized across the board, with a nomination for a then-new bluegrass Grammy, a four-star album review in *Rolling Stone*, tours across four continents, and a legion of up-and-coming, broad-minded young musicians ranging from String Cheese Incident to Chris Thile learning their songs and singing their praises.

When Hot Rize retired, it was natural for members to go on to distinguished careers of their own, but they turned out to be the band that refused to disappear. Rare reunion shows, like the 1996 concert, captured for the acclaimed *So Long Of A Journey* CD (2002), kept the flame burning. When Charles Sawtelle passed away in 1999, the surviving members brought guitarist Bryan Sutton on board and carried on with occasional appearances, bringing their classic songs and captivating stage show to new generations. Over their long career, Hot Rize has continued to evolve, drawing on their diverse inspirations – from Leadbelly and swing to old-time Appalachia – in fresh, exciting ways.

Single tickets are \$45 orchestra/\$40 balcony 1/\$35 balcony 2 and 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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