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IRIS DEMENT HEADLINES 7TH ANNUAL ST. LOUIS FOLK & ROOTS FESTIVAL

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon and KDHX announce the **7th Annual St. Louis Folk and Roots Festival**, Thursday - Saturday, March 21 - 23, 2019, celebrating folk and roots music throughout Grand Center. The festival line-up includes Thursday night Murder Ballad Ball at The Stage at KDHX, Friday and Saturday night concerts at The Sheldon, Saturday morning live broadcast and performance by the **Blue Canyon Boys** at The Stage at KDHX, Saturday afternoon instruments workshops at the Folk School of KDHX and Saturday afternoon square dance with **Evie Ladin** at The Stage at KDHX. Visit FolkandRootsFestival.com or TheSheldon.org for more information and a full schedule of events.

Jesse Lége and Joel Savoy with special guests Amythyst Kiah and Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons
Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m.
Sheldon Ballroom: \$20 general admission

Jesse Lége and **Joel Savoy** bring authentic Cajun music to The Sheldon Ballroom! A native of Gueydan, LA, Cajun Music Hall of Famer Lége grew up speaking Cajun French and is one of today's most admired Cajun accordionists and vocalists in the world. Two-time Cajun French Music Association "Fiddler of the Year" Joel Savoy has played with Lege for the past 15 years. Since his early teens, the Grammy-winner has been dedicated to preserving and honoring Cajun culture, and has performed with artists such as John Fogerty and T-Bone Burnett.

Special guests **Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons**, hailing from Seattle, Washington, have delighted audiences nationwide with their combination of acoustic blues, field hollers, fiddle and banjo breakdowns, and early jazz. Acclaimed "Southern Gothic" singer **Amythyst Kiah**, based in Johnson City, TN, is inspired by the likes of Son House, Olla Belle Reed and the Carter Family and mid-century country and R&B, augmented by her scholarship of African-American roots music.

Iris DeMent with special guest Evie Ladin Band
Saturday, March 23 at 8 p.m.
Sheldon Concert Hall: \$35 orchestra/\$30 balcony

Singer-songwriter **Iris DeMent** headlines the Folk and Roots Festival, bringing her timeless voice and poignant lyrics back to The Sheldon stage! The multi Grammy-nominated artist has been called one of the "great voices in contemporary popular music" by NPR and has been invited to collaborate with peers such as Emmylou Harris, John Prine and Steve Earle. From her acclaimed debut album, *Infamous Angel*, to her most recent album setting the music of Russian poet Anna Akhmatova's words to music, DeMent has become one of the most respected artists of her generation.

DeMent is joined by **Evie Ladin Band**, performing an innovative mix of traditional, deep Appalachian banjo music combined with contemporary storytelling and a modern sensibility.

Folk and Roots Festival Package: \$60 includes full line up of events. Packages go on sale **Friday, December 7 at 10 a.m.** and individual concert go on sale **Friday, January 11 at 10 a.m.** through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, 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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