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**ANITA JACKSON TO OPEN SHELDON MATINEE SERIES IN FEBRUARY
WITH ELLA FITZGERALD TRIBUTE**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Anita Jackson: “Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald,”** Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11a.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Soulful and swinging, one of St. Louis’ premier ladies of song, Anita Jackson, makes her Sheldon series debut, paying tribute to jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald. Jackson has appeared as a featured vocalist with several jazz, R&B, blues and gospel groups around St. Louis, leaving a lasting impact with her powerful voice and commanding stage presence.

Anita Jackson is a native of St. Louis who returned home after living in New York City for 12 years. She is a graduate of the American Music and Dramatic Academy in New York and has performed extensively nationally and internationally in theater productions, concerts and workshops. She has recorded and performed as a background vocalist for such artists as Bette Midler, Patti Austin, Mariah Carey, recording artists Chico DeBarge, Joe, Erykah Badu and most notably Cissy and Whitney Houston.

In St. Louis, Jackson has been a featured player with the St. Louis Black Repertory Theatre, performing in *Gospel at Colonus*, *Ain’t Misbehavin’*, *Caroline or Change* and *Blues in the Night*, for which she was nominated for the St. Louis 2010 Kevin Kline Award for Best Actress in a Musical. She has appeared as a featured vocalist with several jazz, R&B, blues and gospel organizations in and around St. Louis, from Jazz at the Bistro to BB’s Jazz, Blues and Soups, to the Ethical Society of St. Louis and the Heman Park Starlight Concert Series - as a solo artist as well as a collaborative artist with many of St. Louis’ finest musicians.

Sheldon Matinee three-concert subscriptions are still available at \$25 adult/\$10 child. Call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900. Single tickets are \$12 adult/\$5 child, and are on sale 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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