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**THE SHELDON'S CITY OF MUSIC ALL-STAR CHORUS TO PRESENT
AT MISSOURI MUSIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE**

ST. LOUIS — The Sheldon's City of Music All-Star Chorus, under the direction of Maria A. Ellis, has been invited to sing as a demonstration ensemble at the 81st Annual Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) In-Service Workshop/Conference to be held January 23-26, 2019 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri.

The MMEA Conference attracts 3,600 members, with total foot traffic of 10,000 attendees over the course of the four-day event.

“Not only is this an opportunity for the All-Stars to showcase their music abilities, but they will also get to expand their musical knowledge by attending the concerts, workshops and rehearsals offered at MMEA,” says Maria Ellis. “I am so excited to share this experience with them.”

Comprised of high school students from North County, St. Louis City and surrounding area schools recommended by their school choral directors, The Sheldon launched the City of Music All-Star Chorus in 2018 to provide vocal teaching and mentoring for talented St. Louis-area high school singers and to provide performance opportunities at The Sheldon and in the community. Director Maria A. Ellis is Community Engagement Manager for The St. Louis Children's Choirs, and a passionate singer, educator and conductor who challenges the All-Star Chorus to perform a variety of repertoire and to expand their musical knowledge with every rehearsal. Comprised of 31 diverse singers, the chorus provides a symbol of unity and hope for young people in our region.

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