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**THE SHELDON PRESENTS FREE SAINT LOUIS MUSIC SHOWCASE
FEATURING PETER MARTIN, THE 442s, BRIAN OWENS**

Event: Saint Louis Music Showcase featuring performances by
Peter Martin Trio, The 442s and Brian Owens and Deacons of Soul

When: Thursday, June 20 at 7 p.m.

Where: The Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Boulevard

Admission: Free and open to the public. General admission. No tickets required.

ST. LOUIS - The Sheldon is pleased to present an evening of St. Louis sounds as the culmination of a two-day conference of Midwest talent buyers hosted by The Sheldon. Free and open to the public, the showcase will feature some of the best performers St. Louis has to offer, including internationally-acclaimed jazz pianist Peter Martin and his trio, classical-crossover favorites The 442s and nationally-recognized soul singer Brian Owens and his band, Deacons of Soul.

The Sheldon is hosting this conference of arts managers and talent bookers from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and South Dakota from June 19 through 21. "We want to give our visitors a taste of the kind of talent we have here in St. Louis, and we want our local artists to have the chance to show this group of managers what they've got," said Sheldon Executive Director Peter Palermo. "To make this event really work, we need the community to come down and cheer for these great performers!"

The Peter Martin Trio consists of three of the most critically acclaimed and charismatic jazz musicians of their generation – Peter Martin on piano, Gregory Hutchinson on drums and Reuben Rogers on bass. They have played on some of the most important recordings of the last 20 years, including 14 Grammy winning CDs with artists such as Joshua Redman, Dianne Reeves, Joe Henderson, Charles Lloyd and Roy Hargrove. The trio's latest release, *What Lies Ahead*, is now available.

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Comprised of two members of the world-class St. Louis Symphony and two of the city's finest jazz musicians, **The 442s** are a genre-defying acoustic quartet named for the modern standard tuning of 442 Hz. Brought together by the innovative and inspired compositions of Adam Maness, the group combines outstanding musicianship, group singing and inventive improvisation, while breaking down barriers between jazz, classical, folk and pop music.

St. Louis based singer and soul musician **Brian Owens** is rapidly earning a reputation as one of the most promising young vocalists on today's music scene, performing on television for *Good Morning America*, BET's *Jazz Discovery*, and the Emmy Award-winning *The Wayne Brady Show*. The music of Brian Owens has been described as a synthesis of the intimacy of Bill Withers' urban folk, the vocal style of Sam Cooke and the soul stirring emotion and social consciousness of Donny Hathaway. All of these elements combine to create a sound that is unique and a voice that is distinctively his own.

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