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**BONNIE BRAMLETT, BILLY PEEK AND ROBBIE MONTGOMERY BRING
SOUNDS OF ST. LOUIS BLUES, SOUL AND R&B TO THE SHELDON**

The Sheldon and the St. Louis Blues Society present Bonnie Bramlett, Billy Peek and Robbie Montgomery, Saturday, November 26 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. Masters of blues, rock and soul, singer Bonnie Bramlett and guitarist Billy Peek perform together for the first time since their Gaslight Square days over 40 years ago.

One of the finest soul and gospel inspired voices of all time, East St. Louis native Bonnie Bramlett began her career at the age of 15, when she dropped out of school to perform in the jazz clubs of East St. Louis and St. Louis's Gaslight Square. She sat in with stars such as Miles Davis, Stan Getz, Count Basie and Maynard Ferguson, and went on to become the youngest woman ever to tour as one of Ike and Tina Turner's Ikettes. She rose to fame as one half of the legendary R&B group Delaney & Bonnie & Friends. With songs such as "Let it Rain," "Soul Shake" and "Superstar" (later made famous by the Carpenters) Bonnie, along with husband Delaney Bramlett, collaborated with legends of the 1960s and 1970s including Eric Clapton, Leon Russell, and Isaac Hayes. She spent the following years touring and recording with Joe Cocker, Carly Simon, Stephen Stills, and the Allman Brothers, who affectionately named Bramlett the only "Allman Sister." Her solo career now finds her based in Nashville, where she continues to win acclaim for her powerful voice and first-rate songwriting.

Billy Peek is a St. Louis favorite and is heralded as one of the finest rock and blues guitarists in the country. A break-through performance with Chuck Berry more than 30 years ago earned Peek a start in rock music. He went on to tour with the Rod Stewart Band for seven years before returning to St. Louis to play the blues. He performs weekly throughout the St. Louis area and is currently recording a new CD.

Joining Bramlett and Peek is singer Robbie Montgomery. A native of Mississippi, Montgomery's family moved to St. Louis when she was just two years old. A veteran of church gospel choirs, she joined her first group, The Rhythmettes, at the age of 16. She was soon touring with Ike and Tina Turner as an Ikette, then as one of Dr. John's Nighttrippers. Once again based in St. Louis, Montgomery has been named a St. Louis Goodwill Musical Ambassador and was honored by the Missouri Historical Society for her contributions to American rhythm and blues music.

Don't miss Bonnie Bramlett, Billy Peek and Robbie Montgomery, Saturday, November 26 at 8 p.m. at the Sheldon Concert Hall. Tickets are \$35 orchestra/\$30 balcony and are available through MetroTix at 314.534.1111 or online at www.sheldonconcerthall.org. For more information, call The Sheldon during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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