

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Email: May 1, 2008

Written by David on May, 1 2008

Hello All,

We had a great recital on Saturday afternoon. All who attended were treated to many different instruments playing a wide variety of music. Thank you to Russ Smith and his Ensemble Music Class for bringing their talent to the Strand!

Did you miss the recital? You're in luck. The High School students will be back this Saturday night with the SHS Jazz Band. If you like the music of the swing era, the Strand will be the place to be. The concert starts at 7:00pm and is free.

The basement of the Strand is full of lots of stuff. Unfortunately, most is not needed. Steve F. has been leading the effort in removing what seems like miles of abandoned steel pipe. All this metal is being removed. Everything that we remove is being recycled. When finished, it will allow our volunteers or contractors to easily work in our theatre without having to deal with all these pipes hanging from the ceiling.

The work on the offices has begun. Steve has started on the center office. Our first order of business was to investigate the condition of the windows. We have applied for a Facade Grant, and before we could apply, we needed to get the scope of what needed completed. We are thrilled that the windows are in basically good shape. They will be repaired, refinished and made functional again. I doubt if we will ever open them, but it will be nice to know we can!

The A/C went through its tests this week and passed with flying colors. Bob S. has the ability to cool our auditorium easily. As you recall, this was refurbished last summer, but we did not use it due to the construction. This was the first real test. May brings our regular filter change on the air handling system, so we should be ready to go. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief (except Bob, who had no doubts it would work).

We received a quote for tuck pointing the back of the theatre. This needs to be done soon. The mortar has crumbled, and for our building to remain in good shape, we should not let it go any further. Unfortunately this is something we cannot do as volunteers. It is too high, and has too much electricity hanging around it. A local contractor has quoted just over \$11,000 to complete the work. If you feel generous??.

The exterior facade work will start soon. We will have some work sessions for that. In addition, we have a pipe organ work session coming up too. On Saturday May 17th we will be removing the organ that was installed in the Oriental Theatre in Indianapolis. This organ is from the same manufacture as the Strand organ and will be used for many of the items that we are missing. If you are interested in helping, please give me a shout. We will be traveling to the south side of Indy. I would like to have a crew of 12. Removing these instruments is a delicate process, but one that will not take to long. I will also be looking for a few people with pickup trucks to help. We will leave at 7:30 am and be finished by about 3:00 pm.

Strand this week:

May 3 7:00pm SHS Jazz Band FREE

May 5 7:00pm Lecture - Karen Land, dog musher FREE

May 9 7:00pm Rock Concert

May 10 7:00pm Gospel Concert FREE

Thanks for all the support. We look forward to seeing you Saturday night.

David

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