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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: May 8, 2008

Written by David on May, 8 2008

Hello all,

This week was another fun week at the Strand. Saturday night the joint was a jumpin'. The SHS Jazz Band gave a great concert of big band and jazz music. The Cabaret Area was filled with dancers on the Bob S. makeshift dance floor. It seemed to work, and everyone had a great time. The 15 piece band played all the charts from Miller to Basey to Ferguson. I hope that they come back next year. You won't want to miss it.

Monday night the Strand hosted it's first lecture. Karen Land, a dog musher that competed in the Iditarod Race in Alaska, spoke about her adventures. Her dog Por-age roamed the theatre while she spoke. The dog was very well behaved and a said hello to everyone. If you had popcorn, you got a return visit from Por-age. I imagine that dog had a stomach ache later that evening. Karen's talk was spellbinding and her adventures remarkable. Thank you to Shelbyville Central Schools for sponsoring this event.

This week we have two great nights of music. For all you headbangers out there, the Strand will host 4 rock bands on Friday night. The cost is \$7 at the door. This effort is lead by Scott Hanneman an SHS grad and current Ball State student. Thank you Scott.

On Saturday night we change gears and host Terry Crites in a night of gospel music. This event is free. Terry has a full line-up of music for our enjoyment. If you have a chance, come on out and hear what is sure to be a great night of entertainment.

With all the events, it's hard to do much work to the building. Steve F. has been repairing and mortaring the back stage wall. It is one of those time consuming and messy jobs. It will make a big impact when the weather turns cold and we don't have the air streaming in. Speaking of air, Bob S. opened up the fresh air vents to change the air in the auditorium. He also did our spring filter change. The filters were surprisingly clean. Gordon H. gets the thanks for that. He is mister "keep it neat" at the theatre. His leadership in maintaining our space is crucial to the success of our theatre. We have learned a few things. Coke will eat the paint off the floor.....think about that for a minute. We have a few spills that will have to be scraped and repainted. We are beginning to understand why the floors were sticky all those years. With luck, we will keep the clean and stick free.

Cindy L. and her crew have done a great job with the Newsletter. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of "The S.R.O.", please email Cindy cindy.leahy@strand-theatre-shelbyville.org She will add you to the list. Please let her know if you would like only receive the newsletter electronically. (Warning, techie talk ahead) We are in the process of streamlining the process of converting our newsletter artwork to HTML for the email version, but for now we will send it our in a .pdf format. We will also start archiving copies of the newsletter on our web site. The conversion is a bit tougher than we had hoped. If we can't get it figured, will put Shane K. on it. He will figure it out easily....but for now we are trying to do it ourselves.

Speaking for the newsletter, isn't it great! We had a member of the Karen Land audience mention that she found out about the event from "The S.R.O." When Steve, Chris and I started this, we talked at length about the need for good communication. We realize that not everyone is in the digital age, and the newsletter is a vital component of our strategy to get the message out.

Put May 14th on your calendar. The Shelby County Players have a benefit performance of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" for the Strand. This will take place at the Shelby Community Theater on Tompkins Street. Please come out and support the Players, and at the same time help the Strand financially! On May 15th we have the SMS Jazz Band at 7:00. Following the concert is a reception for retiring SMS Band Director - Cindy Moss. Hope to see you there.

Thanks for all the support. Its hard to believe that we have only been open barely 3 months!

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