

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Last week the Strand had quite a surprise. Gretchen and Marsha from Energy2Action, LLC, the producers of Shelby Idol, told us to expect about 100 patrons for the event. They were wrong?..we had 319! It was incredible seeing the line down the block to get into our theatre. The competition was well run and 6 very talented performers will advance to the finals. The last round will be held at the Strand on August 22, 2008. Thank you to Gretchen and Marsha for packing the theatre!

Friday night local talent Austin Siebert and seven of his friends performed an eclectic mix of music on the Strand stage. It was a very entertaining show. He did a great job in preparing for the performance in our venue. Thank you Austin for bringing your talent to the citizens of our community!

The Strand is preparing for the Shelby County Players fundraising event "Divas on Broadway". In order to accommodate this show, the Strand stage had to be extensively modified. When the stage was designed and built, it was to be flexible. This past weekend was certainly a test. Fortunately the components assembled just as planned, and really didn't take that long given the amount of work to be performed.

In addition our friends at Advanced Plumbing Contractors have been in the theatre doing all sorts of things. They installed the bathroom behind the stage and a sink in our concessions area. The bathroom was there, it just hadn't been used in about 50 years. If anyone out there knows when the last time it functioned, please let us know. The remodeled bathroom has a new sub floor and vinyl floor. Thank you Ray and Cindy Wetnight for helping us out with the floor! The bathroom also sports the theatre's paint scheme. Thank to Gordon H., Debbie E., Bob S. & Steve F. for each doing what was necessary for its completion. Again thank you to Pat Turner of PET Construction for doing the construction.

This week in order to fulfill a request of the Shelby County Players, Ron B. is preparing to install speakers for our Cabaret Area. Steve D. and Darin M. will be inside the balcony fishing the wires for these speakers. When completed it will fill the sound in under the balcony area. This is a major job being done in a very quick manner. Thank you to Rick and Darla H. of Kash Entertainment who were able to get our equipment shipped from various places around the country and to the Strand on time (and UNDER budget!)

Gordon didn't want to get left out. To accommodate the change in the stage floor, certain touch up painting was needed. Not good enough for Gordon?..he repainted the whole stage so it would look great for the Players. Also Gordon drew the short straw and replaced the horns in our top speakers. This is not easy to get to, and once there it is not an easy job. Somehow we blew both speakers, but considering they are 50 years old, we will forgive them. The replacements are installed and sound great! Thank you Gordon.

Work is still steaming along on all other fronts. The Players will perform "Divas" this Friday and Saturday. You can consult their web site www.shelbycountyplayers.com for more information.

Thanks for your support. The Strand Theatre of Shelbyville, Inc. is thrilled at the success of the theatre. Without you, it would not be possible!

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