

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: August 21, 2008

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Hello Strand Fans,

This week sees the return of Shelby Idol. On Friday night August 22nd, the final six contestants will vie for top honors. The winner of this contest will perform at the Bears of Blue River Festival on Saturday night. Speaking of the BBRF, the Strand will be open for tours during the Festival. Come downtown and support not only the Strand, but the great work that goes into producing the Bears of Blue River Festival.

The Festival has been helping with the mission of the Strand well before any of us even dreamed of a performing arts center. The BBRF stage on the square has provided a venue for local talent for two decades. We believe strongly that live entertainment is part of the vitality of our community. Kudos to the Festival for helping make this a reality year in and year out.

If you missed the Shelby County Players fundraiser "Divas and Duets on Broadway" you really missed out. It was a wonderful show. The performers filled the Strand with wonderful music. The show highlighted some of our best talent. The Strand hopes that the SCP were successful in this fundraising effort.

After the "Divas" left, we had to return the theatre to a usable space for this week's events. This facilitated raising the downstage portion of our stage back to the level of the rest of the stage. Strand volunteers Gordon H., Bob S. and Lou M. all got up early Sunday morning to help rebuild the stage. 5 hours later it was back to its original look. By Monday it was repainted and ready for the new shows.

This week Beck Studios will again return to the Strand to finish a few items on our screen. Beck has been a wonderful vendor to work with, and we thank them for all their generosity towards our project. We also want to thank Quality Concepts Awnings & Signs of Indianapolis for providing grill cloth for our stage surround built for the "Divas" shows. They do a lot of work providing awnings for our downtown businesses, and we appreciate them supporting the Strand.

Work is still progressing on the exterior windows. They are almost completely hung. We will have to align and adjust them to work perfectly. The chandelier is being hung soon, so when the windows open, you will be able to look into a beautifully decorated and lit space.

Should you have any suggestions for things you would like me to write about, please send me an email at david.finkel@strand-theatre-shelbyville.org I am always interested in answering questions that should arise. Our theatre is packed with history and is blazing a trail into the future. There are lots of things to observe and document.

Thank you for all your support. We are proud to continue to establish ourselves as part of our community's landscape. Hope to see you at the theatre to help support the performing arts in Shelbyville and Shelby County.

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