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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: October 4, 2008

Written by David on October, 4 2008

This week brings a different type of concert to the Strand. Many people have requested a night of 50's and 60's music...well Saturday night is your chance! With the help of Strand volunteer Joey G. and Smashed Productions, we have 2 fantastic groups taking the Strand stage. R & R Classics and The Guild Guys are both performing music of the 50's and 60's. It should be a great night of affordable entertainment. Remember, everyone connected with this concert is donating their time to the Strand. ALL proceeds go directly to the Strand to help us accomplish our mission.

In preparation of the concert, our Cabaret Area dance floor is being expanded. We have used our floor for the Big Bands that visited in May, but haven't used it since. It is going to be bigger and better than before, so put on your dancin' shoes and join us Saturday Night!

This week also saw several things completed at our theatre. Shelbyville is a great place. A small town lends itself to getting things done. A case in point happened a few weeks ago. I was with Strand volunteers Steve D., Darin M., Ron B. and Dave R. having lunch at the American Legion. My former neighbor Paul Lay, who is an inspector for the State Fire Marshall's Office came over to talk. He asked if we had an A & E Permit at the Strand. I told him I had no idea what that was. He went on to explain that theatres such as ours are required to apply for an Arts and Entertainment Permit through the Department of Homeland Security. I told him we would be happy to comply with whatever was needed. He told me that he would get an application to me.

Sure enough, the following day Paul dropped off the application at my office. After submitting it (along with our \$134 check) we scheduled an inspection. It took us 2 weeks to get together, but finally on Thursday Paul met Steve D. and me at the theatre. He looked around and tested this and that. We even pulled our fire alarm...boy is that thing loud! He checked our fire ratings on the curtains (thank you Beck Studios!) and made sure everything was in order. We now have an official A & E Permit. Thank you Paul for helping us get this done!

Bob S. finished repairing under the marquee this week. We now have everything covered. There are no exposed areas. Bob installed gray soffit material around the perimeter of the marquee. To be honest, you never notice it. It is one of those things that just looks right and doesn't jump out at you. Good job Bob. This coming week we have our heating system test. Bob assures us it will work fine. As the weather gets nippy, we need to have it ready to go.

Gordon continued work on the marquee. Unfortunately he took the elevator down on Saturday afternoon. You can ask Gordon what that is all about when you see him. Remember, give him a "honk" if he is out there working!

Steve F. is continuing the task of getting the office windows completed. This week he was able to prime and paint the window frames. Every day it is looking better and better!

We also want to thank the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce for all their help. We are in their weekly email broadcasts as well as on the reader board sign in front of the Porter Center. They have been supportive from day one, and we are proud to be a part of this great organization! Next time you are in the theatre, notice our membership sticker on the door, and the membership plaque in the lobby. It is more than just signage, it is a true partnership within the community.

We have had an addition to our schedule this month. The Shelby Community Band, under the direction of Strand volunteer Russ Smith, is performing a concert on October 18 at 7:30pm. This will be a free concert. Steve, Gordon and I are all in the band. I have no idea what we are playing, but we'll figure it out before then.

Please come to the concert on Saturday night! The joint will be jumpin'!

To recap October:

50's & 60's Concert

October 4, 2008 8:00pm

Community Band Concert
October 18, 2008 7:30pm

Halloween Bash and Costume Contest
October 25, 2008 8:00pm

Poetry Reading
October 30, 2008 6:30pm

Hope to see you at one of our October events. As always, we truly appreciate all the support and kindness that is shown to the Strand. Because of you we are succeeding in having a venue for a wide variety of performing arts! See you Saturday! We need your support.

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