

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Written by David on October, 10 2008

Well that was fun! I am speaking of the 50's & 60's concert on Saturday night. Check out our web site to see the pictures of the poodle skirts! Thank you to all the performers for making it an enjoyable evening. We had a great crowd and passed the 5600 audience member mark.

As you pass the marquee you will notice the work steadily progressing. The gold band on top and bottom is a very high metal content paint. The good part is that it is readily available, the bad part is it is a bit expensive. Gordon is making it last, but it takes 3 to 4 coats to really get it to look good. When the lights are all installed it will be worth the expense. As with everything else we have done, we are investing the extra time it takes to do a great job. The work that is being done now will last for years.

Soon we will be going onto the roof to inspect the condition before winter. One of the first jobs we did was to patch, seal and coat the roof. This bought us a little time, however that time is going to run out before we know it. The security of the roof is absolutely important to protect all the work and renovation that took place inside the auditorium. As we learned, it doesn't take much water to ruin plaster. As we go forward we will be formulating a plan to properly replace our roofing material. We should be OK for now, but that issue is always lurking on the horizon, and we can't let it slip to the back.

The heating tests went well this past week. Bob S. fired up all the gas units (that would be 5 total) and also the auxiliary electric units in the balcony. Last year we barely used the electric units, so we hope that it is the same this year. We will have a good opportunity to play with the proper settings as we go through the cold weather months. We are definitely in better shape this year than last year. After all, last year at this time, we didn't have any heat, or seats downstairs for that matter. We were still miles away from finishing. This was the lull before the storm, as after Thanksgiving, the work really went into high gear. As you recall we finished on time. It might have only been 45 minutes before opening, but it was on time!

The week the Shelby County Arts Fest is in downtown Shelbyville. The Strand will be open for tours during the festival. In the past the Arts Fest has taken place at Indiana Downs. It was a wonderful venue, but alas, they built a casino in our exhibit space! Please come and support the arts on October 11 from 10:00am to 2:00pm downtown. There will be plenty of activities and things to see. More information can be found at www.shelbycountyartsfest.com

On October 18th the Shelby Community Band will be playing a free concert on Saturday night. The performance will start at 7:30 pm. There will be a wide variety of music from marches to Broadway hits. There might even be a bit of Halloween mixed in, so come out and enjoy the concert. The last time the Community Band played the Strand we had 270 people attend. Let's try to get over 300 this time.

On October 25th, Smashed Productions is hosting a Halloween Bash. I am working on my costume, how about you? We have the popular bands Travis of the Cosmos and EDE returning to the stage for the evenings entertainment. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

On October 30th, Three Sisters Books and Gifts hosts another Poetry Reading at the Strand. This event is free. If you haven't been to one of these poetry readings, come out and give it a try. Also if you are a poet, please bring your work sign up to read. Last spring we had many talented members from our community and across the State read their poetry.

As always thank you for your support. The Strand is truly an effort from the entire community. The fact that we have so many people willing to help is making this theatre a success. We cannot do it without you, thank you.

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