

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Written by David on January, 24 2009

Our month of heavy maintenance has turned into just that.....heavy, if you consider a gallon of paint heavy. Painting we have done, or should I say Gordon has done. The next time you are in the theatre, go up to the balcony. You won't recognize the place. Our floor painting is finally complete. Back when we made our plans, we intended to paint the aisles the same deep red as the main aisle downstairs. Since it is painted with oil based floor paint, it requires a few days between coats. Add the few days to cure before people walk on it, and you can chew up a few weeks...easily. Well those weeks are behind us, and Gordon has the balcony looking better than ever. We still have some painting up towards the ceiling and on some new plaster. The hard part, the floor, is almost finished.

When we started this project, we had a few "rules". Prime directive number 1 was we always had music. Even that first day in October 2006, Steve got the music piped into the auditorium. Prime directive number 324 was that the last row two seats on the south side of the balcony would be reserved for "teenagers only". Those seats are by themselves in the corner, and all other 383 seat have their back to you. If you are sitting there (as I am sure many of you have throughout the decades) then you really aren't watching the show. You get my drift.

Well time marches on. We found the need for a second spotlight has outweighed the need for a make-out spot in the theatre. This week, the four seats in that corner are being disassembled and placed in storage. In their place will be a platform for our spotlight. Since 1916 those have been great seats, I have to admit we feel a little guilty taking them out... but we have to be true to our mission. The live performances need equipment different than the movie days. We need to accommodate the equipment. Good bye seats! (just to be fair, Bob S. performed the deed)

Our schedule is filling nicely. Coming up we have:

February 8th Shelby County Reads Lecture

February 14th For the Love of Arts - Shelby Arts Council Dinner / Dance

February 21st Smashed Productions Concert

February 22nd Shelby Community Band Winter Concert

Events are being added all the time. Check our web site for the most recent listings.

Thank you for all the support. We will be happy went we finish with our chores, and get back to doing what the Strand is meant to do....

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