

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: February 19, 2009

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The Strand has hosted several events over the past few weeks. The month started off with a wonderful lecture hosted by Shelby County Reads. The speakers, who were in the Japanese Detainment Camps in WWII, gave an interesting lecture. Thank you to the Shelbyville-Shelby County Public Library and Shelby County Reads for holding their lecture at the Strand. We are finishing up the final details on the 2009 Strand Lecture Series. This will be the first, in what we hope, will be an annual series. We are planning 4 lectures, one each quarter, on various topics. They should be interesting and entertaining. All the lectures will be free admission. Lectures are scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday March 17

Tuesday May 5

Tuesday September 17

Tuesday October 20

There will be a variety of topics. More specific information will follow in the next email.

Now that we are doing lectures, we have a little problem. Remember the picture of Lt. Gov. Skillman on the front page of the Shelbyville News when she was at the Strand in October? That lectern wasn't really a lectern. It is the old ticket box. When you bought your ticket to the movie, the DeWitt's tore it in half and deposited the stub in a ticket box. We painted it and Bob S. built a top for it to make it into a lectern. That was OK to get going, but as we do more lectures, we really need a proper lectern, with lights, places for the microphones, and PC hookups. If anyone knows of a lectern we could have, it would be greatly appreciated. The old ticket box has done a good job, but it is time to give it a rest.

Valentine's Day was a special day. The Shelby Arts Council held its Dinner/Dance at the Strand on Saturday February 14th. The dinner was sold out, but there were plenty of tickets available for the entertainment. The Rush County Big Band was on the stage providing swing music for all you dancers out there. We had the dance floor in the Cabaret Area, and it was great time. Whether you want to just sit and listen, or cut the rug, the Strand was the place for you on Valentine's Day! You might remember that the Rush County Big Band came and helped us with our acoustic testing several months before we opened. It was nice to see them on stage again.

Were you at the lecture on February 8th? Were you at the Shelby Arts Council Dance on Valentine's Day? Did you look down? If you did?wow! Gordon H. was busy during our break painting the floors. The balcony is much nicer with its new color, and the downstairs received new coats of paint down both side aisles. We didn't realize was a rush job we did in January 2008. Only after these two coats, did we see the difference a great job makes.

All the people at the SAC Dance helped us fill all our nice new CGS Totes. Really, the more trash we have, the better things are going! For the first time we didn't have to worry about overfilling our totes. Thank you CGS.

This past few weeks we have been wrestling with a few email technology problems, hence no emails. I know you were going into Strand withdrawal. Don't worry, we are working hard to make it better and more reliable than ever. Soon you will be receiving your emails from our own domain. It will be nice to transition this to our own servers.

This weekend we have two events. Saturday night Smashed Productions presents Rule of Seven for a return engagement. On Sunday at 2:00pm the Shelby Community Band will present their (our) Winter Concert. Hope to see you at one of these events.

Again, thank you for all the support. The Strand is a success because of you. Whether you are here in Shelbyville or far away reading this, the fact that you care is what makes this project so special.

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