

# Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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## Strand Theatre Weekly Email: April 16, 2009

Written by David on April, 15 2009

Time to do a little work on our pipe organ project. We are calling a work session for this Saturday April 18th at 10:00 am. Please meet at the theatre. We will be going over to our storage warehouse and moving 2 theatre pipe organs into our new racks. This will allow for the safe and efficient storage of these instruments. While we are there, we will be sorting and racking all our other stuff. We have cabinets, lights, platforms, panels and all sorts of other goodies. If you can make it, we would love to see you. Depending on how many people we have volunteer, we will have another crew remaining at the Strand to do some work. Steve F. has all sorts of fun things that need accomplished. We will work no later than 2:00 pm. This is the first work session in a long while. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces.....did I mention it will be dirty, dress appropriately?

In other news... On April 8th, Shelbyville Central Schools used the Strand as part of their "Circle Up for Reading". There were guest readers on our stage and elsewhere in the theatre. We are proud to be a part of this worthwhile event. We have a two week break until our next performance. On April 25, 2009 the Blue River Community Choir and the Dixie Kats Dixieland Band will take the Strand stage. It should be an excellent show. Come out and support the Strand and all the wonderful local talent on the stage that night!

If you look at our web site, you will find a nice article on our new spot light platforms. We were given two very nice spot lights that have a light throw perfect for our space (about 100 feet). The only problem is they take a long discontinued obsolete lamp. (warning tech talk ahead). The lamp, a mogul bi-pin halogen, just couldn't be found. We had one 1500 Watt lamp that was old, but when it burns out we would be up a creek. I called every lighting and stage distributor around. Everyone knew what we needed, but the answer was always the same "haven't seen one of those since the '70's." Strand Board member Cody V. was not deterred, especially since his is our primary spot light operator. Low and behold Cody found a supply of lamps. Not only do they fit, but they are 2000 watt versions, so they give us a little bit more light. Now Cody has a real problem. Two working spot lights, one spot light operator. We are checking into cloning. If that isn't successful maybe one of you out there would like to be trained on how to operate a follow spot. Let us know. You have a guaranteed unobstructed view of every show!

Soon the marquee will be getting a new addition; new letters! The old masonite letters have done an admirable job, but it is time they are retired. In their place will be new Gemini red letters. We have sourced these from a local company. It will be nice to have all the letters we need. As you know, it is tough when we have to come up with letters like Z and Q. We are starting out with 100 assorted letters and numbers. We will have the ability to add individual letters as needed. Just wait, we'll have a band named the Early Erie Entertainers. There goes the E's. You get the point.

Flowers are sprouting. The Strand, courtesy of the City of Shelbyville, will be sprouting an addition flower box. The concrete flower box that is currently on the south side of our marquee will be have a match on the north side. This will look great. Thank you Mayor Furgeson and Street Commission Peters for making this happen.

Movies. It might have taken a little bit to get going, but hold on Nelly, here we go! Our schedule was just published for the next 3 months. Somehow our few little movies turned into 31 different films! That film committee is just excited, aren't they! The line-up is great. We have Abbott and Costello, Hope and Crosby, Astaire and Powell and many others. We are going to have a Saturday late night (11:00 pm) show every Saturday night. Next week we will post all the film titles dates and times in our weekly email. The web site has them too. If you would like to volunteer, we could sure use the help. The movies need ushers, concessions workers, cleanup crew and other assorted volunteer tasks. If you are interested, please contact Rhonda at [rhonda.schwegman@strand-theatre-shelbyville.org](mailto:rhonda.schwegman@strand-theatre-shelbyville.org). We would love to have you!

Thank you for everything you do. Our audiences are steadily increasing as more and more people find out how much fun we have. In the next few months we have something for everyone. We hope to see you at an event soon. Until then, see you Saturday at 10.

**Images on this post:**

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