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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: June 6, 2009

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The Strand is a rockin'. The Strand is a showin'. The Strand is a goin'. The past week was another 4 event weekend. This coming week is a 3 event weekend. First off is another Smashed Productions concert. On Saturday at 8:00 pm Gambits Disciples will return to the Strand stage after their success February concert. They will be joined by newcomers Breakdance not Hearts. Late Saturday night is the cult classic movie "Plan 9 from Outer Space." It stars Bella Lugosi...almost. Some say it is the worst movie ever made, we shall see.

On Sunday we wrap things up with the Gospel Gathering. Produced by Cindy Houpt and Kim Wallace, this will bring together over 70 musicians performing Gospel music on the Strand stage. The concert starts at 2:30. Each and every one of these events is for the benefit of the community. We are bringing a mix of affordable entertainment right here in the geographical center of Shelby County. With gas prices high, think about spending some time with us. We are also pleased that both the concerts are donating 100% of the revenue to the Strand. All the performers are volunteers.

With 70 on Sunday alone, I think Cindy L., Sharon S. and Debbie E. who do our newsletter will have to figure out how to get all the names in the volunteer list. What a great problem to have. Thank you to all the volunteers, you make the Strand happen.

This week also saw some other work for the Strand. O'Neal Steel is fabricating our marquee parts. They should be ready next week. It will be nice to put the pieces of the puzzle together. The main lighting in the marquee is installed and was wired this week. Electricity wise, we only have to install the chase lights. The sequencer for that project, donated by Strand board member Ron Bush, is not being configured to run our lights.

Our popcorn machine decided to give us some fits last weekend. Steve D. came on Saturday and repaired the wiring that was in need of some TLC. We are back up and running. Bob S. also fixed our band heater for the coconut oil we use. Lately we have had to change oils because this little wire heater was broken. The cost of a new heater was astounding, so we did without. Step in Bob. He took it, figured the problem, and made it like new again. Coconut oil is solid and needs to be heated before use. It is more expensive than regular oils, but it makes our popcorn taste great. There are places to save money, and places to spend. The popcorn is one item we want to use the best.

The week also saw a visit from a new Strand vendor. Crossman Fire from Napoleon helped us with our fire extinguishers. Since we have no local vendor available, we looked outside of help. Crossman developed a budget for the long term maintenance of our equipment. As those of you who have extinguishers know, we have to do several types of testing at various intervals. Some tests are inexpensive, and some require the rebuilding of the unit. We now know which years we have to do these inspections and can plan accordingly. They also specified a different type of extinguisher for our sound board location. Thanks to the Shelbyville Fire Department for their help with this too!

Next week is a very important week in Shelbyville and Shelby County. There are 4 outside groups having events here. The Strand is very involved with one of the events. The Genealogical Society is hosting their state convention called GenFest 2009. The Strand is the registration site and meeting place for the attendees. Our entertainment will highlight themes that will be appropriate for the group. On Friday night the Shelby County Historical Society is sponsoring a FREE program at the Strand. Danny Russel, a James Whitcomb Riley interpreter, will be on the Strand stage as the famous Hoosier poet. Thank you to the SCHS for providing this outstanding entertainment to the community! (Do you belong to the SCHS? If not, you should...they are a great group)

On Saturday night the Strand hosts "Wilderness Plots". Wilderness Plots, in word and song, captures the hardships, ironies and aspirations of early pioneer life in the Ohio Valley. This unique project, features the written word of renowned author Scott Russell Sanders and original songs by Tim Grimm, Carrie Newcomer, Krista Detor, Tom Roznowski, and Michael White. It will be a real treat. They are coming to the Strand from a series of performances at the Indiana Repertory Theatre in Indianapolis. We can experience this right here in Shelbyville. Tickets are \$15 and I hope to see you there. The groups

leader Tim Grimm has worked with the Strand so we can afford to bring this to you. Thank you to the Wilderness Plots for helping make this possible. Check out their web site for more information <http://www.myspace.com/wildernessplots>

June is packed with lots of events. We hope to see you at the theatre. Thank you for all you do. The little things people do each and every week are the foundation for the success of the Strand. Many people set up to help. Thank you. The greatest support comes for your interest. Reading this email is helping make the Strand what it is. Thank you. See you this weekend.

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