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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: October 15, 2009

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The past weekend saw a flurry of activity at the Strand. The rain let up and it was a sunny pleasant day on Saturday for the Shelby County Arts Festival. The Strand hosted 4 concerts for this event. The line-up included the Blue River Community Choir at 10:00am. They were conducted by Debbie Stafford. Their regular director Cindy Leahy was recuperating from being under the weather. The concert went on without a hitch and the Choir sounded great. They will be returning to the Strand this Saturday night for a concert in conjunction with the Dixie Kats Dixieland Band. Come out and hear these outstanding local groups!

The second concert was by the Shelby Community Band. This too was under the baton of a guest conductor. Russell Smith, the regular conductor was at Lucas Oil Stadium with his SHS Band. The guest conductor was Charlie Rose from Tipton. Charlie is a retired band director and talented arranger. The band has played several of his outstanding arrangements.

The third concert was by the Pitts Kitchen Dulcimer Band. Mary Kay Pitts was feeling fine and there to lead her group in a beautiful program. The Strand is a great place to hear acoustic instruments, and the dulcimers sounded glorious.

The final SCAF concert was by the Slaughterhouse Five Woodwind Quintet. This includes Cindy Moss, retired SMS Band Director, on clarinet. The program was excellent and again sounded fantastic in the Strand.

The evening finished with the Beatles Acoustic. The crowd (and Strand volunteers) had a great time!

Did you notice it raining the end of last week. Guess who went camping? Bob S. Feel free to blame him again!

On October 20th the Strand will hold the final lecture in the 1st Annual Strand Lecture Series. This last of four lectures was to have been a general (and humorous) discussion by Robert Lewis. Due to the vital information that needs to be shared about the H1N1 Flu, the topic has been changed to discuss this serious issue. Please join the Shelby County Health Department and do your part to help minimize the effects of this outbreak. We appreciate the SCHED sticking with the Strand for this. They could have easily moved to a larger venue, but they chose to remain at the Strand. Thank you!

We have a new addition to our October concerts. Kent Lockman is bringing his "Cobbler Gobblers" band to the Strand for one night only October 22, 2009. The concert starts at 7:30pm and all tickets are \$5. This is a great chance to hear a local musician who has been in the Shelby County music scene since he was in high school. How many of you out there had either Mr. or Mrs. Lockman as a teacher? How many had them teach your kids? grandkids? Now is a chance for the young and young at heart to hear this fun down home feel good music.

We are fastly approaching the end of October. The Strand has a great line-up still to come:

- Oct 16 Night of the Living Dead
- Oct 17 Blue River Community Choir + Dixie Kats
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- Oct 20 Strand Lecture: H1N1 Flu
- Oct 22 Cobbler Gobblers with Kent Lockman
- Oct 23 Ghostbusters
- Oct 24 The Complete Unknowns
- Oct 25 Ghostbusters
- Oct 30 Young Frankenstein
- Oct 31 Young Frankenstein + Costume Contest

Wow. November's events are falling into place nicely. We'll get to that next week.

We hope to see you at the theatre soon. Thanks for all the support. We are honored by all the nice comments that come

to our volunteers about what the Strand is doing for our community. It is a pleasure for everyone associated with the Strand to volunteer for this worthwhile project.

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