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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: March 18, 2010

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This past week was a blast at the Strand. Dinner for the movie Grease was a sell out!! All the planning worked, we had plenty of table space for everyone. We have established our maximum capacity for dinner. We can serve 85 people, that's it. Our only other choice is to use the theatre seats, but that's not too convenient. Grandma's Pancake House served a great dinner. We had several people come just for the movie. They were treated to free popcorn and soft drink too!

On Sunday a group went to Richmond, KY to retrieve a Louisville Pipe Organ Company theatre organ. Strand volunteers Steve F., Gordon H, Don C., Maurice F, Jim A., Bob S., Dave B. and David F. all left bright and early at 7:00am. Remember, that was the day of the time change, so it felt like 6:00am. It takes over 3 hours to drive to Richmond. We removed the organ, which was in pieces, from 2 locations. We loaded and headed for home arriving at 6:30pm. Fresh volunteers Ron B., Elizabeth F., Cody V. and Chris N. met us to help unload. It was a successful trip. The Shelby County Historical Society has funded Strand Organ project. This organ will provide many needed pieces and parts for the finished instrument.

(warning, tech talk ahead). Sometimes things just don't go right. That was the case at the Strand last week. For Grease, our projector needed a firmware upgrade. It should have taken just a few minutes. It chugged away for hours. Fortunately it didn't slow us down, but the auto focus needed glasses. Every film shown is tested before the event. Grease tested fine. For some reason, the projector decided to change its focus settings. Immediately after the movie we reset the projector. Who knows why it decided to get flaky on us. Just like an infomercial?..but wait! There's more! We noticed the sound wasn't right. Boy was that an understatement. Our top main speaker and bottom fill speaker had blown horn drivers. These poor speakers are 50+ years old and still being pushed hard. Before they came to us the Murat Theatre gave them a good workout for decades. They desperately need replaced, but for now we had the replacement parts overnighted to us and they were installed on Wednesday. Ron B. brought in temporary speakers to get us through the lecture. Enough already?.nope. Our sound equipment is turned off and on my numeric security pad. This controls relays that turn on and off our amplifiers and our sound board equipment. One of the two relays decided to fail. Fortunate for us it failed in the ON position. It was still spooky when you punched the code to turn the board off and it just stayed on. Steve D. and Darin M. got that fixed. Good news, the ghost light works fine.

The first lecture of our 2010 series went very well. Dennis Hodges from the Indiana High Speed Rail Association was an interesting speaker about an interesting topic. He spoke and showed a short film about the TGV rail system in France. The next lecture will be on April 13, 2010. It will be given by Jeff Patterson of the Indiana Astronomy Society. He will talk about Our Indiana Sky.

We enjoyed talking to everyone at the annual Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair. This is the 4th year we have had a booth?where has time gone! Between then and now the Strand has hosted over 225 events! Not bad for 10 months of renovation and just over two years of operation. We appreciate the opportunity to exhibit at the Trade Fair. We'll see you there next year.

On Wednesday March 17th, the Strand participated in the state wide severe weather preparedness test. Our volunteers were at the theatre when the sirens sounded. We initiated our emergency action plan and moved to the safe part of the theatre. We now have a weather alert radio in the theatre too. This was given to us by our friends at Shelby County Emergency Management. We use this radio to inform the Strand volunteers of any warnings issued. We are pleased to participate in this important test. We encourage all of you to make sure your emergency plans are made and rehearsed. The Strand was struck by a tornado in 1937. That storm destroyed the south section of our stage house. You can still see the different color brick used to rebuild the damage. The time to prepare is now.

This week the Strand received a very nice gift from the Blue River Community Foundation. As you read above, we had a few things that negatively impacted our funds. They recognized this and helped us. We are very fortunate in our community to have a proactive and engaged Foundation. Thank you BRCF!

This weekend we have three events. On Saturday afternoon the Strand will sadly host a Celebration of Life service for our

great friend Ruth Roberts. Ruth passed away unexpectedly this past week. The Strand exists today in many ways because of Ruth. She was always there with help and advice. She was a kind and focused voice for the Arts in Shelby County. She will be greatly missed by the Strand Family and the community at large. May her life be a blessing.

On Saturday night Smashed Productions presents Pressed in Black, with special guest Caffeine. This rock concert will start at 8:00pm. This is a return engagement for Pressed in Black. On Sunday our Jazz Concert will feature Dave Hepler. This talented jazz pianist will be joined by a bass player for an afternoon of jazz at the Strand. The concert starts at 2:00pm. Tickets for both events are available at Mickey's T-Mart, Blue River Printing and the Strand.

Thank you for your support of the Strand. We hope to see you at the theatre soon!

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