

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: April 7, 2010

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Happy Birthday to the Strand. It was 3 years ago today (April 7, 2007) that we opened to doors for our first renovation session.

Well wasn't that fun?..Butler Basketball. They gave it a good shot. We put GO BUTLER on our marquee. The impact was huge, especially at our Saturday night show. Tim Spradlin was joined by two other very talented musicians. The concert started at 8:00pm. That was 8:46 left in the second half basketball time. Needless to say, we weren't exactly packed. You would have never know. The musicians gave it their all and put on an outstanding show. Tim announced the final score from the stage to thunderous applause. We would also like to thank Tim for his generosity. Since we had a difficult night, Tim donated his services to the Strand. He will be back for another show. When he does, we all need to show our support. Thank you Tim Spradlin!

One of the most important events in the young life of our group happened this week. Under the leadership of Mayor Scott Furgeson, the Strand was included in the City's EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) plan. Members of the Strand board testified at the City Council meeting this past Monday. The Strand's request was given a 6-0 vote by our City Council. The funding will help us continue our mission and add greater financial stability to our organization. Next time you see a member of our City Council or Mayor Furgeson, please say "Thanks" from the Strand.

This week we had some friends give us a jingle. Our friend Steve S. at the Shelby County Health Department wants to schedule our inspection visit. We also heard from our friends at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Major J. gave us an easy to follow guide so that we can renew our Amusement and Entertainment Permit. There is a very nice picture of the former inspector Paul Lay doing our inspection last time. We told Mr. Jester his picture was next! In seriousness, these are all things that are essential to the proper operation of our theatre. We are also in the process of recording our pre-show safety announcements. Our friend Sean C. at WSVX is doing these for us. This is at the suggestion of our local fire inspector Robbie S. The Strand appreciates everyone's help in keeping us safe and compliant. There are lots of little details to manage, and the help is always timely and warmly welcomed.

We bring entertainment to Shelby County, but this time it is time for us to visit our local performers elsewhere. The Gus Spenos Quartet is performing in the ArtsGarden at Circle Centre Mall in downtown Indianapolis. The performance is this Friday April 9th at 12:15pm. This is part of Jazz Appreciation Month. When you see Dr. Spenos at the performance, tell him the Strand sent you.

National City Band, now part of PNC is going through some changes. That is good for the Strand. They donated some much needed office items. By the end of the summer we should have our offices finished. These items will help us deck them out! Thank you NCB (PNC)! Did we mention that some of the filing cabinets were fire proof? They, like pipe organs, are heavy. It took serious effort from Strand volunteers Bob S., Gary N. and David F. to muscle them into the trailer for storage until we're ready. They are concrete lined and weigh more than a few pounds. When we get ready to move them again, we'll ask for more help.

Speaking of help, does anyone out there know how to make weather proof pennants? The Strand is planning on flying pennants on our roof like days of old. We need to have them designed and made. If you have that skill or would like to help, please reply to this email.

This weekend is going to be fun! On Friday night the premiere of the film "Blood Into Wine" will be showing at the Strand. There are a tremendous amount of out of town fans that are coming to this movie. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and see what it is all about.

On Saturday we have our April Dinner and a Movie. Seabiscuit is being shown with sponsorship and catering by Indiana Downs. The food will be great. Seating is limited. You can purchase your tickets from Mickey's T-Mart or from Indiana Downs at 421-0000.

Thank you for all your support. The Strand is a fun place, and we hope to see you soon!

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