

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: April 16, 2010

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Another week at the Strand brought progress in many areas. This week we will start with a building update (warning, tech talk ahead).

Our A/C checked out OK. That is a good thing, we have had to use it this past week. This year we did not have to add any freon to our systems. That is quite amazing considering the age of our A/C units. We also had the completion of our marquee roof repairs. Bob S. lead a crew that patched the rubber roof. We had 9 different areas that needed patched. It was more involved than we thought, so it took a extra time. Thank you to Jim Marshall from R. D. Marshall General Contractors for providing the patching, tools and lessons on how to do the repair. While we were doing work on the top of the marquee, we also clean debris from our drains and reworked the lobby furnace flue. These things are not seen, but they are essential for the preservation of the theatre.

It has been 3 years since we started. In that time, the old ticket booth located in the lobby has been a junk collector. It has the vacuums, brooms, mops and anything else that cannot find a home. Strand Board member Cody V. had enough. He removed everything, organized the items and installed hooks and brackets to hold everything. That space is now clean! (Cody is a college student...we wonder if his bedroom at home is kept as clean?!) Thank you Cody. There are always projects to do. They aren't glamorous, but we are fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers that get things done. Also one thing leads to another. The TV in our lobby that shows our renovation has been on the fritz for several weeks. Funny, we have a board member who owns a TV repair business. That did no good because Ron B. couldn't get to the TV because of the junk. The junk is gone and magically the TV is fixed! Thank you Ron.

This past week we had several things at the Strand. Fans from across the globe came to the Strand to see the premiere of "Blood Into Wine." There is an interesting review on our web site that tells about this new film. Saturday we showed Seabiscuit. Thank you to Indiana Downs for sponsoring this film. The movie helps celebrate the start of racing season at Indiana Downs. This was a great way to tie the arts to our local economy. If you missed the movie, you can go to Indiana Downs and see horse racing live! Race season starts tonight.

On Thursday we had a theatre full of people to hear motivational speaker Retro Bill. This program was brought to the Strand by Shelby County D.A.R.E. The show was wonderful, and everyone who attended, young and old, enjoyed Retro Bill. The real treat was watching the kids come into the theatre and seeing Officer Floyd Hastings, our local D.A.R.E. officer with the Shelbyville Police Department. All the kids came up and met him with great affection. What a wonderful thing the connection between a police officer and the kids in our community. Hopefully Retro Bill will be back next year. He is a "must see" for everyone who lives in Shelby County. You will spend an enjoyable and inspirational evening.

Tonight the Shelby County Anti-Drug Coalition will hold its talent show at the Strand. This brings local performers from all our county high schools in support of a very worthwhile cause. The students have worked very hard on this event. They had a rehearsal on Wednesday night, and it was the smoothest, well organized rehearsal we have seen. We anticipated a 4 hour rehearsal. They were finished in 1:15!! That is due to great organization and hard work. Come out and support these talented students in our community.

We have always thought of the Strand as a field of dreams....built it and they will come. The fact that we have so many people who are using their talents to help others is very heartwarming. So far this year we have helped raise money for Haiti, Melanoma Awareness, Wounded Warriors, the Sanctuary of Shelbyville and others. This has all been done with people using art as an expression of compassion and caring. We live in a great community!

Next week we have a full schedule. We will send a special Strand Email highlighting all the events. The first we will talk about is the lecture on Tuesday Night April 20th. This will be about astronomy and what we see when we look up. More about that later.

Thank you for all your support. Please stop in an say hello. See you at the Strand.

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