

# **Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.**

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## **Strand Theatre Weekly Email: April 29, 2010**

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Ever feel like you get it a rut? Not the case at the Strand. This past week was full of variety and surprises. We had a return visit from Gambits Disciples. They put on a great show. On Saturday night we had a performance by Chiaroscuro. This is the band of our neighbor Joshua Carlton. Joshua owns the tattoo parlor at the corner. His band played very different music from what we have heard in the past. It was all instrumental and original music. On Sunday the Shelby Community Band played a concert of "Marches, Musicals & Movies." How is that for variety?

On Wednesday night we had poetry reading in honor of National Poetry Month. This program is put together by Mary Kay, Carolyn & Barbara at Three Sisters Books. We never know what to expect. Usually we do the poetry readings on the Cabaret Area. The music was playing (Chiaroscuro's CD), and people arrived?and more?and more?and more. We ended up with 84 in attendance. John Stevens, the Senior English Teacher at Shelbyville High School encouraged his classes to come and share their poetry. He had 21 students in attendance. It was a wonderful evening. Thank you to Three Sisters for hosting this, and thank you to Mr. Stevens for involving our youth. The next poetry is in October. We will make the decision to move to the auditorium a bit quicker if needed next time!

So far so good, our roof is still holding. The spring rains have dumped quite a bit of water on the 94 year old structure. We are working to keep the drains clean, and inspecting to catch any problems before they turn into something bad. We have noticed that our soffit on the facade will take a few steps up the priority ladder. The old metal that covered the fascia board has come loose. A very nice family of pigeons has taken up residency. While we don't mind pigeons, we just don't want them nesting in our theatre. Is there anyone with a 45' boom truck willing to help? That's what it takes to get up to the top safely. Once there, we can assess the work to be done.

We are planning to get our main speakers replaced soon. We have the speakers, all we need now is the time to get a crew together to install them. When we placed the current speakers up high on either side of the stage, someone made the comment "boy, I hope we don't have to do that again!" Well, we have to bring the old Altecs down and put the new JBL's up. A chain hoist will make it much easier this time. We will install solid mounting brackets to attach the hoist, then the rest will be easier (notice we did not say EASY).

Always things to do. That is OK. We do it as we can. The important activity is what takes place on our stage. We always keep our mission primary in our actions.

This week we have a Contemporary Christian concert at the Strand. Jonathan Roberts will perform at 6:00pm on Saturday night. (warning, spelling talk ahead) You might notice that the marquee says Gospel Concert. There is a reason for that. Rose and Lee McNeely donated the letters for our marquee. When we purchased the letters we bought a mix of what was common to spell what we needed. Unfortunately we just don't have enough "C"s. We didn't think that Kontemporary Kristian Concert was appropriate, so we did Gospel Concert instead. It will be a great evening and will also feature "Gone Fishin".

Next week we have two fun events. Kyle Marlett, a magician from Las Vegas (originally from Shelbyville) will perform two

shows. The Shelbyville High School Jazz Band will present a concert on Saturday night. More about those next week.

Our schedule is constantly expanding with fun, entertaining and interesting programs. We hope to see you at the theatre soon. Thank you for your support and interested in your Strand Theatre.

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