

# Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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## Strand Theatre Weekly Email: October 8, 2010

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The Shelby County Arts Fest starts this weekend. The kick-off concert is TONIGHT at the Strand. This free event will start with a reception catered by Indiana Downs at 7:00pm. After the Reception, Kurt von Schakel will take the stage for an evening of music from Bach to the Beatles. There is a concert grand piano ready for the performance. In addition Kurt will be performing with pianist Loesje Chandler and and singer Judy Bridgewater. Kurt's keyboard artistry will include works on the piano, the Hammond Organ and others. This is a concert you won't want to miss. We will find out if we will hear Balakirev (warning, music tech talk ahead) Balakirev is one of the Russian "Mighty Five" composers. They included Mussorgsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Borodin, Cui and Balakirev. He wrote a wonderful piano work "Islamey - Fantasie Oriental". This was the Strand request. There are many fine recordings on YouTube, check it out.

Tomorrow the Shelby County Arts Fest continues on the Public Square from 10:00am to 4:00pm. At 5:00pm there is a return to the Strand for the Light Up Shelby County with the Arts! Lamp auction, followed by a performance of "Spoon River Anthology" directed by B.J. Fairchild-Newman. This will include the following guest readers:

Kris Meltzer  
John Pittman  
Denise Holland  
Mark Steenbarger  
Lydi Davidson  
Nathan Wilson  
Alecia Nash  
Jessica Schoettmer  
Mayor Scott Furgeson  
John Hartnett  
Chris Browder  
Sam Braunagel  
Angela Gill  
Amy Haacker  
Brooke Collins  
Jeff Sponsel

There will be music by Hopkins and Miller to help set the mood for this poetry of Edgar Lee Masters. This event is free and will follow the Lamp Auction of the Shelby County Arts Fest.

Following the performance, the Strand will be transformed into a club from the 1930's and 40's for the performance of the Rush County Big Band with Tim Spradlin. You will hear all your swing and big band favorites. The performance will start at 8:00pm and is \$10 admission. This will be a wonderful musical event.

Next week we have John Calvert on stage. This 99 year old magician and movie star will be performing and showing one of his films. Mr. Calvert sent the Strand the following note this week: "In 1933, I won the race in Shelbyville in a souped up Ford." Mr. Calvert returns to Shelby County over 70 years later! Please get your tickets early, they are available at Mickey's T-Mart and Blue River Printing.

Lots to do. We hope to see you at the theatre this weekend. Thank you for your support. The Strand is serious about our mission, and this weekend is a testament to all the hard work done by everyone connected with this project.

**Images on this post:**

