

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: February 18, 2011

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The Strand has been a busy place. This past week we had a sell-out for our first Dinner and a Movie of 2011. The Notebook was the perfect movie for Valentine's Day weekend. Strand Volunteers Gary N., Michelle N., Chris N. and Shelley N. put the program together. It was a hit. We are looking forward to see what they decide for our next D & M.

This week the Strand hosted the Stellar Communities Grant Selection Committee at a program given by the City of Shelbyville. This presentation made everyone in attendance feel proud of Shelbyville, what we have accomplished and where we are headed. After the program at the Strand, the Mayor took the committee on a tour of our community. Wish us luck in the competition for the wonderful grant. Thank you to the committee for visiting our theatre. The Strand represents what we are capable of accomplishing.

Did you notice the snow melted? So did we. The ice came off our roof and bang onto the top of our marquee. That bad part is our brand new neon, which has yet to be lit, was in the way. When Ron Moenter, our sign contractor, comes back to finish the installation, we will have to replace part of the tubing. Considering the mess we have all dealt with, the Strand family feels that a single broken neon tube isn't that bad.

This past week we had another addition to our lobby. When we first opened Tim Conway donated a stained glass panel he made that depicts the Greek masks of Comedy and Tragedy. It has been above the ticket booth stuck there temporarily waiting for its frame. This past week, the frame was built and installed. Soon it will have soft light behind it and will glow for everyone to see. Thank you Tim for your generous and talented gift.

This week brings a different type of event to the Strand. Mitchell Norton will present his Mitchell's Vaudeville Redux. This is a classic vaudeville format with comedians, musicians and skits. This event is for mature audiences only. Come see for yourself on Saturday February 19, 2011 at 7:00pm. It should be an enjoyable show!

Next week brings a wonderful concert of local musicians to the Strand. Blues will be the musical flavor of the evening. Mark Gravely and the Top Hat Blues Review will take the stage for a concert produced by Smashed Productions. In addition they will be joined by Carson Diersing, and the Crossfire Band. The concert is February 26, 2011 starting at 8:00pm. The following day on Sunday February 27th the Shelby Community Band takes the stage for a concert starting at 2:00pm. The theme is music of the 1940's. This is in conjunction with the Blue River Community Choir and the Shelby County Players. This concert is part of the Shelby County Reads program of literature from the Holocaust. The concert is free of charge.

Originally the main lecture for the Shelby County Reads program was scheduled for the Strand Theatre. Eva Mozes Kor, a Holocaust survivor, was the feature speaker. The response to the event was so overwhelming, the Strand was forced to defer the event to our friends at Breck Auditorium at Shelbyville High School. There were over 350 tickets handed out initially, and we wanted to make sure every had a chance to hear her lecture. As it turns out, Mrs. Kor had to cancel and reschedule her appearance. The Shelby County Reads committee is looking at an alternate date which will be announced shortly. When the lecture occurs, it will be the first time a Strand event isn't held at the Strand. We are happy and thrilled to have the overflow audience that is coming to support our Shelby County Reads program.

In conjunction with Shelby County Reads, the Strand will be showing Schindler's List on Sunday March 13, 2011. This movie will be free of charge. After the movie, there will be a discussion lead by a Holocaust Educator from Indianapolis. Put that on your calendars. It will be a special event.

So much to do, so little time. We are hard working to present our current line-up of shows, plus many great things in the near future. Thank you for your support. Without the efforts and well wishes from you, we could not be successful. See you at the Strand!

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