

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: March 4, 2011

Written by David on March, 3 2011

This week we have a very special concert on Friday March 4, 2011. The Complete Unknowns will be joined by the White Lightning Boys on the Strand stage starting at 8:00pm. The Complete Unknowns includes Shelbyville Middle School teachers Adam Kruse and Glen Allman. These two talented musicians will bring the Shelbyville Middle School horn section to play on a few numbers. This will be quite the treat for the middle school students to play with a Rock & Roll band.

The White Lightning Boys play high energy traditional and original bluegrass, folk & country music from the heart and the hills. The Complete Unknowns will play music of Bob Dylan and The Band. It will be an outstanding concert, we hope to see you there.

There was a lot of activity at the Strand last weekend. We had a full house for Smashed Productions Blues Review. Everyone sounded great. The Strand was the place to be last Saturday night! We followed that with another full house for the Salute to Veterans - Music of the 1940's. This concert was in conjunction with Shelby County Reads and their books this year which deal with themes from the Holocaust.

In support of the Shelby County Reads program, the Strand has booked two showings of Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List". It will show FREE OF CHARGE on Friday March 11 at 7:00pm and Sunday March 13th at 1:00pm. Following the Sunday show, Diane Isaacs, a Holocaust Educator will lead a discussion about the film immediately following. There will be material and displays at the Strand about the Holocaust. These are provided by Bureau of Jewish Education in Indianapolis. This event is presented by the generosity of many. Films are expensive to show. When we contacted the studio for the fees for Schindler's List, we were told that the film is sent at no cost to the theatre as long as we don't charge. Not only did they send a the film along with the presentation rights, but they also forwarded an excellent study guide. We have posted a PDF of the study guide on the event page of our web site for this film. Thank you Universal and the BJE.

Sandwiched in between Schindler's List, the Strand will host a movie premier on Saturday March 12th. "in the long run" will be showing at 7:00pm. A description of the film can be found on the event page of our web site.

Even with all the performances, films and good cheer occurring at the theatre, we still have time for a little work. This week saw the installation of the long awaited lights for the stained glass in the lobby. Next time you walk by, peek in and take a look. We also rewired some existing lighting in the lobby. These two can lights were disconnected during the renovation, and it was one of those "when we get time" projects. Bob S. had time this week and they shine brightly again.

We have two plays preparing to load into the Strand for performances. Triton Central High School is preparing Thornton Wilder's classic "Our Town" and the Shelby County Players are in rehearsal for "Picnic". Legitimate theatre is on its way!

Speaking of the Shelby County Players, they have their annual fund raiser "Viva las Divas" on March 11th & 12th. This will be held at Indiana Downs. We encourage you to attend. They are a wonderful group and we enjoy having them use the Strand for performances. It is always an entertaining show! You can find information on the Shelby County Players web site at www.shelbycountyplayers.com

While we are talking about different events, the Shelbyville High School Choral Department will host the SHS Singing Sensational. This is a show choir competition with 18 different groups competing. It takes place March 5th from 8:00am and goes all day. Check it out, you will be glad you did.

We look forward to seeing you at the Strand or visit us at our booth at the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Trade Show on March 16th. We appreciate all the support and encouragement. Someone commented this week that our community has allot going on at once.....isn't that a great problem to have! See you at the Strand.

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