

# Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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## Strand Theatre Weekly Email: March 11, 2011

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Our goal is always to make sure everyone is "in-the-know" about the Strand. As many loyal Strand Fans know, we don't have any secrets, we tell it all. It is a bit like voyeurism inside an organization. We feel that the Strand is for everyone, so we live in a glass house by choice. So with that in mind, here is what is happening in the life of the Strand this week:

Last weekend the Strand hosted The White Lightning Boys and The Complete Unknowns for a concert on Friday night. The White Lightning Boys played upbeat Bluegrass music. It sounded glorious. The rich sounds of the guitars, mandolin, banjo and bass filled the acoustically live Strand auditorium. Strand sound engineer Gordon H. had them dialed in perfectly. They were followed by Shelbyville Middle School Band Directors Adam Kruse and Glen Allman with their band The Complete Unknowns. They played a set of music from the Bob Dylan and The Band. The Unknowns were joined by the Shelbyville Middle School Horns for several charts. They sounded great. Having the extra musicians really gave the group a full sound. It was an extremely enjoyable concert from beginning to end. Thank you to Adam Kruse for producing this event. He will return to the Strand with the Shelbyville Middle School Jazz Band on May 18th for a free concert.

Sometimes we get in a hurry. That was the case with the programs for the March 4th concert. The Strand produces programs for most every event, this event was no exception. The problem had to do with spell check, or lack thereof. Somehow we misspelled Lightning on the front cover! The sad part was some of our volunteers didn't even notice. It took a kind audience member (and school teacher) to point that out. We will try to keep our fingers on the correct keys. Mr. Qwerty sometimes doesn't cooperate.

This week saw continued work on the Strand. Since we opened storage space has been an issue. This past January we remodeled our concession stand, and even with all the work, we still need more space. An idea was devised to use the empty space under the two side counters in the lobby. This week Bob S., the head of all the maintenance at the theatre, took on the task. We are on our way to having a place for cups, lids, straws and all those other things that take up space. It was an excellent solution. Take a peek next time you are in the theatre, you will notice the sliding doors on the back of those counter units.

Rehearsals occurred this week for the Triton Central High School Drama Department's production of "Our Town". The students were in the theatre getting used to the space. The Strand's ventilation system isn't very quiet, and the last seat of the balcony is far away. These two things make it interesting for the actors on the stage. They have to project their voices more than maybe they are used to doing. This rehearsal time is a great way for them to prepare for the production in our venue. Please come out next week and support these students. They will be performing on Thursday and Friday nights March 17 & 18 at 7:00pm.

Speaking of far away (warning, tech talk ahead), just how far is far. When getting the theatre ready, we had lighting instruments that had been located in the projection booth and, of course, our movie projector. The distance from the booth to the stage is 110 feet. If you are interested, the ellipsoidal instruments that provide our front wash are 15 degree fixtures. They are lamped at 750 watts. Our two follow spots have variable focal length, so it isn't an issue. They are lamped at 2000 watts each. Now you know.

The weekend we have a movie premier. "in the long run" will be shown on Saturday night March 12th. The event starts at 7:00pm. This movie has local connections and we are thrilled to be able to highlight the work of these young filmmakers. It should be a fun evening, we hope you can attend.

On Friday and Sunday we are showing Schindler's List. This is a FREE event. This movie is in support of Shelby County Reads program highlighting Holocaust Literature. The Friday showing starts at 7:00pm. On Sunday there will be a discussion after the movie lead by Diane Isaacs, a Holocaust Educator. This movie on Sunday starts at 1:00pm, with the discussion immediately after. This is shown through the generosity of Universal Studios.

If you want something else, you are in luck. The Shelby County Players are holding their annual fundraiser "Viva las Divas" at Indiana Downs on Friday and Saturday night. This is always a very entertaining show. If you can, try to go and support live theater in Shelby County.

So much to do?.we are lucky. This is all because of the support and encouragement you give to organizations like the Strand, Shelby County Reads and the Shelby County Players. We are just a small part of this thriving community. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a performance space for all to use. See you at the Strand!

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