

# **Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.**

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## **Strand Theatre Weekly Email: April 1, 2011**

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Come and see our new paint job, we painted the auditorium pink....April Fools!!!

No wait, we DID paint the auditorium pink, or at least a color palette that is Adamesque. Of all the 25,000+ audience members we have had since our opening, we have only gotten compliments on the look of our theatre. Most times when audience is in the Strand, the lights are low. We feel our colors work well for our performing arts center. They are based on historical color and bring our simple theatre to life. We'll have to come up with another April Fools.

This week there has been trash talk, again, at the Strand. The trash we talk is the old drink cup and popcorn bucket type. It is important for us always be thankful for the generosity of CGS Services for their support of the Strand. Trash is a big deal. We have it removed each and every week by the excellent crews at CGS. Our outside trash totes, provided by CGS sometimes are the thought of as "neighborhood" trash cans. We try to discourage this. Last week Strand board member Gordon H. was outside looking at the baby stroller and other items that were deposited in our cans. He spotted something in a new wrapper. It was a brand new set of 36" door sweeps. These are the EXACT item we need to install on our rear exit doors to seal out the moisture. Needless to say, those were removed from the trash and are waiting to be installed. We are fortunate at the Strand that even unpleasant topics have great resolutions. Thank you CGS for our constant support!

This week has been a flurry of activity surrounding our electrical system upgrade. (Warning, tech-talk ahead) We do not have the existing capacity to power the needs of the theatre. The east part of the building is still on its original 1916 panel!! That has got to go. To do that, along with increasing capacity isn't an easy task. We first had to discuss our needs with Duke Energy who provides our electricity. With the generosity of a grant from the Blue River Foundation, we were able to pay Duke for the necessary upgrade to the transformer banks located on the poles outside the theatre. We are now working to finalize the type and location of all the new panels. We are changing from two single phase feeds and two three wire three phase feeds to one four wire 120/240 three phase feed. With this configuration we will have 120 volts to ground out of each phase with a cross phase voltage of 240 Volts. This is instead of a 120/208 feed where the cross phase voltage is 208 volts. Our old equipment is rated for 240 volts. We do not want to run them at the de-rated voltage. This is a complex issue, but one that Steve Dennis Electric is guiding us through. We have all made our requests for power. Steve F. wants enough for the concession area to expand, Kurt S. wants enough for a 10 Hp motor for the pipe organ, Ron B. wants clean power for all the sound equipment and David F. wants a lower electrical bill. All the requests have been submitted and we will see what the final amp rating will be. Either way the Strand will take several notches up the safety and usability scale with this project.

Our Board has been hard at work with all sorts of events. Gary & Chris N. are guiding the Strand through a SCUFFY Fundraiser, Steve F & Rhonda S. are working on our Friday Night Frights, and our wonderful users are planning their events as well. In 2011 we will have something new in the mix. This year Strand board member and event promoter Joey Gaudin has purchased the Skyline Drive-In. This Skyline, which opens this week, is a quirky place for entertainment that reminds us of the past, yet propels us into the future. Sounds like the Strand, doesn't it? We are going to partner for several events this year. We don't know details, but it will most likely be an event that starts at the Strand and finishes at the Skyline. With Daylight Savings Time, it will work very well. We are having fun with all the possibilities. The first thought was to show Dr. Zhivago. The first half at the Strand, after the intermission at the Skyline. At 197 minutes, it is perfect....except for the fact there is limited fan appeal. Either way we will be doing joint presentations including live performance and film. It is going to be a fun summer. Check out a show at the Skyline too!

This week we have two events. Kent Lockman brings his wonderful mountain music to the Strand with his group Cobbler Gobblers. He is joined by his lovely wife Marianne, Joey Neak, Linda Cabe and Dee Capozzi. You won't want to miss this wonderful music. The concert is Friday April 1st at 7:30pm.

On Sunday April 3rd the Shelby Community Band will play a FREE concert at the Strand at 2:00pm. The SCB will be joined by The Brassworks, an all brass ensemble for the Spring Concert.

Wednesday April 6th poetry returns for National Poetry Month. Three Sisters Books and Gifts brings Poetry to the Strand. This FREE event will start at 7:00pm and will feature poets from the Restoration Press on their Indiana Tour. Local poets will also have an opportunity to read their works. This is always a well attended and fun event. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for all the support. As the Strand looks forward to the load-in of the Shelby County Players production of Picnic, we are constantly humbled at the support we receive from our community. You will have a chance within the next few weeks to hear the best in local music, spoken work, prose and live theatre. All these events feature local talent. We are thrilled to be the performance home for so many groups. Picnic will be outstanding and we look forward to their 3 performance run April 15, 16 & 17th.

We'll see you at the Strand!

Cobbler Gobblers  
Mountain Music Concert  
April 1, 2011  
7:30pm  
\$7.00

Shelby Community Band  
The Brassworks  
Band Concert  
April 3, 2011  
2:00pm  
FREE

Poetry at the Strand  
Restoration Press Poets  
April 6, 2011  
7:00pm  
FREE

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