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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: May 6, 2011

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This week brings music to the Strand. The Waldron High School Band presented their concert on Monday night May 2, 2011. The high school musicians sounded great and were a delight to the audience. As always, the opportunity to experience musicians from our County schools is always a treat. We look forward following these students as they grow musically and as young adults in our community.

Friday night May 6, 2011 brings the return of the Shelbyville High School Jazz Band. The previous night this ensemble also performed at the 88th annual May Festival at Shelbyville High School. The Strand came to the assistance of the music department for that performance. It seems they were short one videographer. Steve F. of the Strand stepped in and helped with a camera during the performance. He and the rest of the Strand volunteers look forward to Friday night's concert. This event will also feature two professional musicians who will be performing with the jazz band. They will appear through the generosity of a grant from the Blue River Foundation. If you are a fan of the big bands, this will be a concert you won't want to miss.

The Strand had a quiet mid week. The temperature swings kept the our heating and A/C systems on their toes. First it was warm, then it was cold. Either way, the Strand maintained an event temperature. When we started the project, our low in the winter was set at 58° and the high in the summer was set at 80°. We have steadily brought those two temperatures closer together. We are preparing ourselves for the time when we have our theatre pipe organ and hopefully a concert grand piano. Those instruments will not tolerate a swing in temperature. The day the organ starts installation is the day we start maintaining even temperature in the theatre 24/7. Weeks like this remind us how difficult it will be.

This week saw a goof by the Strand. We have a great bunch of volunteers who do a dedicated job. As you know, we tell all. This has to do with too few stretched too thin. This manifested itself in an unfortunate Strand first....we double booked the theatre. On May 10th & 11th the Shelby County Players booked the theatre for their auditions for the upcoming musical "Your A Good Man Charlie Brown." At the same time we accidentally booked the initial auditions for Shelby Idol on May 11th and 14th....oops! This was not pleasant for us. It reminded us of how busy we all are, and how much work it takes to run the theatre. Fortunately we were able to move the Shelby Idol auditions May 14th from 11-3 and May 16th from 7-9. This will include a 2 min max a cappella audition. All auditions are closed to the public, but the performances on June 25th, July 16th and the finals on July 23rd are open to everyone. Shelby Idol will be fun again this year!

We have several interesting this happening in the near future. The Strand has many different events. An IU Jacobs School of Music student will be testing the acoustics in the Strand for a percussion recital. Pending successful results (of which we are confident), the multi talented percussionist Brandon A. will return for his performance during the 2011-12 school year.

Thank you for all the support. The Strand remains a labor of love for all involved. Thank you for supporting the Arts in Shelby County. See you at the Strand!

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