

# **Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.**

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## **Strand Theatre Weekly Email: June 8, 2011**

Written by David on June, 8 2011

The Strand has been going full speed for several months. Over the Memorial Holiday the our volunteers got a little break. It was well deserved. Still, there have been many new and exciting things happening at the Strand:

We received a curious phone call this week. The Strand was identified by the Sundance Institute for participation in a study of small not-for-profit theaters that show films. We were asked several questions about our programming, seating capacity and projection capabilities. We also happily volunteered our attendance totals for both live and film entertainment. The Strand will become part of a nationwide study. We are to receive the results when completed. The interviewer was asked how they found the Strand. The answer made us smile, it was because of our planned theatre pipe organ installation. The Shelby County Historical Society Theatre Pipe Organ project is still on track, but it is just a very long project. It is nice to know that others look forward to that project too.

This past week members of the Strand Theatre of Shelbyville, Inc, owners of the Strand Theatre, testified before the Shelbyville Common Council for EDIT funding. Again this year the Council has invested in the Strand Theatre. We are recognized as an economic revitalization tool and a positive economic impact on our community. Thank you to Mayor Furguson and the members of the City Council for their foresight in helping fund the Strand Theatre.

Work continues (warning, tech talk ahead). We have to get off the pot, as it were. The Strand has been on what is now a 5 year upgrade and replacement of our electrical system. This is one of the most expensive and important projects. The problem is that the Strand has multiple feeds for our electricity from Duke Energy. We have been very fortunate. We have had one old three phase drops catch fire on our roof, only to be thwarted by a Duke Energy electrician that happened to be on our roof planning the line relocation when the wires shorted. We have had our "Frankenstein Switch", the name given to our 1916 electrical panel STILL IN USE, have loose connections and become hot. We have had the problem of not being able to run our popcorn popper and our stage lights at the same time! These problems are slowly resolving one by one. The major job is to install the new panels and go from 4 feeds to one. This will require about \$15,000 in additional work along with the over \$25,000 we have spent to date on our electricity. It is absolutely worth every penny. The safety of our patrons, theatre and block are of the utmost importance. If you would like to help, we always accept donations at the Blue River Community Foundation. Hopefully in the near future the last part of this lengthy project will be completed. We have never stopped work, but have been at a slow and steady pace. You will know when it is close to completion because we will FINALLY have enough power to run our marquee. The 300 lights will be a tell tale sign.

We have a fun event this Friday night. To help celebrate the Shelby Senior Services Strawberry Festival in Downtown Shelbyville, the Strand will be showing the movie "Till the Clouds Roll By" FREE on Friday night June 10 at 7:00pm. This movie has been shown in the past and has all the big Hollywood musical scenes you would expect. It has an all star cast with music by Jerome Kern. You will hear many of his famous songs including a wonderful Lena Horn rendition of "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" from Show Boat. The last time we showed this movie it happened to be the week that Lena Horn passed away. After the song finished, the audience all applauded. It was one of the most memorable moments that has occurred in the Strand. You will want to see this movie, you will be glad you did....and its free! Here are the songs and artists:

"Cotton Blossom" - MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus

"Where's the Mate for Me" - Tony Martin

"Make Believe" - Kathryn Grayson / Tony Martin

"Life Upon the Wicked Stage" - Virginia O'Brien / MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus Girls

"Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" - Lena Horne

"Ol' Man River" - Caleb Peterson / MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus

"Ka-Lu-a" - MGM Studio Orchestra

"How'd You Like to Spoon with Me" - Angela Lansbury / MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus

"They Didn't Believe Me" - Dinah Shore

"Till the Clouds Roll By" - June Allyson / Ray McDonald / MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus  
"Leave It to Jane" - MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus / June Allyson / Ray McDonald  
"Cleopatterer" - June Allyson / Ray McDonald / MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus  
"Leave It to Jane" (Reprise) - MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus / June Allyson / Ray McDonald  
"Look for the Silver Lining" - Judy Garland  
"Sunny" - Judy Garland / MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus  
"Who?" - Judy Garland / MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus  
"One More Dance" - Lucille Bremer (Dubbed by Trudy Erwin)  
"I Won't Dance" - Van Johnson / Lucille Bremer (dubbed by Trudy Erwin)  
"She Didn't Say Yes" - Lyn Wilde / Lee Wilde  
"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" - Cyd Charisse / Gower Champion  
"The Land Where the Good Songs Go" - Lucille Bremer (dubbed by Trudy Erwin)  
"The Last Time I Saw Paris" - Dinah Shore  
"Long Ago (and Far Away)" - Kathryn Grayson  
"All the Things You Are" - Tony Martin  
"A Fine Romance" - Virginia O'Brian  
"Why Was I Born?" - Lena Horne  
"Yesterdays" - MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus  
"Ol' Man River" (Reprise/Finale) - Frank Sinatra / MGM Studio Orchestra and Chorus

This month we will also welcome back the Blue River Community Foundation for their annual meeting on June 22, 2011. For more information contact the BRCF at 317-392-7955. We look forward to hosting this event. The Strand would not be possible without the encouragement and support of the BRCF. We are just a small part of the philanthropy they bring to Shelby County.

Remember, eat strawberries on Friday, then come to the Strand for a FREE movie. We look forward to seeing you at the Strand. Thank you for all your support.

#### TILL THE CLOUDS ROLL BY

Starring Judy Garland  
MGM Musical (1943)  
Friday June 10, 2011  
7:00pm  
FREE

Blue River Community Foundation  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Wednesday June 22, 2011

Friday Night Frights  
Double Feature  
Friday June 24, 2011  
8:00pm

SHELBY IDOL  
First Round Competition  
Saturday June 25, 2011

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