

# **Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.**

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## **Strand Theatre Weekly Email: July 7, 2011**

Written by David on July, 7 2011

We have 4661 things to share with you this week...or should we say we have 4661 people to talk about. The magic number for the first half of 2011 is tabulated. The Strand is still on pace to have our best year ever. We are proud to have been the reason so many people ventured to downtown Shelbyville. The Strand volunteers have enjoyed all the varied programs offered so far, but as our friends on TV say "but wait, there's more!"

The Strand has a fun month planned for July. This weekend there will be a special artist on the Strand stage. Frank Hamilton and the New Tennessee Three will perform a tribute to Johnny Cash. Mr. Hamilton is amazing and our audience is in for a treat to hear his rendition of all your favorite Johnny Cash songs. Frank will be joined by special guests The Kit Haymond Acoustic Duo. Please support live entertainment in Shelby County and hear some great music too. Tickets are \$10 and available at Mickey's T-Mart.

On July 16th, Shelby Idol returns. We are expecting a sell out, so get to the theatre early. The performance starts at 7:00pm.

The Shelbyville-Shelby County Public Library presents Mark's Ark. This interesting program is in support of their summer reading program. Mark's Ark will be bringing animals from his "ark" to the Strand. The program starts at 5:30pm and is free. All participants will have a chance to touch the animals and hear about the animals' habitats and their traits. This will be a fun event for the whole family.

Friday Night Frights returns on the 4th Friday, July 22nd. This month's scary movies will be announced on Saturday Night from the stage before the Johnny Cash Show. This has been a fun event for the Strand. It is a throwback to an earlier time when horror and suspense movies played our theatre. If you would like to see some classics of the genre, check it out. Most all the patrons sit in the dark balcony! Tickets are only \$5 for the double feature and are available at the door.

Saturday July 23rd is are the FINALS for Shelby Idol. This will be the last performance for the 2011 Shelby Idol competition. The evening is sure to be fun with wonderful local talent on our stage. The Strand has teamed with Smashed Productions and the Skyline Drive-In for this year's Shelby Idol. The fun part about this event is when it is over you still have time to catch the show at the Skyline! That will make for a full evening of live and film entertainment.

As soon as Shelby Idol is out, the Shelby County Players are in. They will be performing the musical You're A Good Man Charlie Brown from July 28-31. Lora Norris directs this classic that is sure to be a hit. Unlike most Strand shows, the performances by the Shelby County Players take a full week to load into the theatre. The sets have to be built, painted, lit and the cast has to get comfortable on our stage. They do a great job and always bring enjoyable live theatre to the Strand. We hope you get your tickets early.

We failed last week to give a big THANK YOU to Cagney's for once again bailing us out when we ran out of Coke in the middle of a sold out show. They are the best.

Work never stops. Steve Dennis Electric is making the final preparations for the completion of our marquee and electrical upgrade. This is a HUGE job. It would be much easier if we had a volunteer that is about 26" tall and could lift 250 pounds. We need to go in between our steel girders to fish the new cable. Jim Dewitt, former owner of the Strand tells us that there isn't much space. This is an area that has not seen the light of day in decades. We have a feeling that Strand Board Member Cody V. will know everything there is to know about it by the time this project is finished!

The Strand's security is of paramount importance. This week our security system was tested, although accidentally, and worked as planned. The Shelbyville Police dispatched Officer Travis Conway (a Strand performer with Guns and Hoses) to make sure things were OK. We knew this was bound to happen sometime, and this week turned out to be that time. It is nice to know things work.

We had a nice surprise from our friends at the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce. Courtney posted our Strand Email in their e-broadcast to members. We appreciate the help and partnership with the Chamber. One of the first things we did after we formed our corporation was join the Chamber. The Strand is proud to be a Presidential Member and encourages all our friends to support the efforts of our Shelby County Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you for all the support. The Strand is proud to be a part of our community. This week will be a great concert. Come early and we'll see you at the Strand!

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