

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: October 14, 2011

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The Strand is pleased to welcome the 2011 Shelby County Arts Fest events to our theatre this weekend. The SCAF will be held downtown Shelbyville with events on the Public Square, Gallery, Grover Museum and elsewhere. The Strand is please again to host a variety of entertainment.

Please note that all SCAF entertainment at the Strand is FREE of charge.

Starting tonight we have Brian Ernstes performing at 7:30pm. Brian will present a program of opera favorites and other music. Originally from Shelby County, we welcome Brian back into our community to perform for us.

On Saturday we start performances with the Blue River Community Choir at 3:00pm. Following their performance will be a reading of Edgar Lee Master's Spoon River Anthology. Community leaders under the direction of B.J. Fairchild-Newman will be presenting this performance. If you are not familiar with this work, it will be something you will want to come and experience. The subject matter coupled with the reading by our leaders that you all know, will be a memorable experience.

After Spoon River, the SCAF will auction of decorated 1938 vintage Strand Theatre seats. This will be your opportunity to own a piece of the Strand while supporting the Arts in our community.

The evening concert on Saturday night will feature pianist Kurt von Schakel. Kurt will be joined by veteran Strand performers Kathleen Miller and Robin Hopkins. For the second half of the performance, Kurt will accompany the hilarious Buster Keaton silent comedy "The Haunted House".

On Sunday the Shelby Community Band will perform to end the weekend's festivities. The theme of this program is Hollywood Hits. This performance will include trumpet soloists Gary Lauzierre and Jon Masters. There will be an alto sax solo by Jerry Bell. The SCB will welcome it's first ever violin soloist Doug Buchanan playing the beautiful theme from John Williams score for Schindler's List.

(Warning, classical music tech talk ahead). In preparation for this performance Doug came to the theatre an tested out the acoustics. As he stood on an empty stage he darted through many of the wonderful violin classics. He started with the Williams theme, then transitioned to the oddly similar opening for the Sibelius Violin Concerto. After playing a good majority of the first movement, he then played by request, the theme from Smetana's "The Moldau" from the orchestral suite Ma Vlast. Doug, being the excellent musician that he is, played the arpeggio violin introduction as well as the theme from that movement. He then finished off the test with most of Rimsky-Korsakov's violin solo from "Scheherazade". For those of you out there that know this literature, suffice it to say we had an excellent time sitting and listening. You are in for a treat on Sunday.

The Strand has also been busy this week too. The Shelby County Players held auditions on Monday and Tuesday for their Holiday children's show. This drew an amazing amount of actors to audition. Congratulations to the SCP on continually expanding their offerings and interest in their activities.

Next week we start the week off with the induction ceremony for the Shelbyville High School Jobs for America's Graduates program. This is a wonderful event highlighting students taking the steps to be productive members of our community. This will be at 6:30 on Monday October 17th. Come and support these young adults in the journey.

Starting on Tuesday rehearsals begin for the play Swamp Pirate Zombies during the Shelbyville Screams Halloween Extravaganza. Shelbyville Screams will be a fun time at the Strand. It will also help us financially too! More on that next week.

Thank you for your interest in the Strand. The Shelbyville News, WSVX Radio, Shelbyville Today and all the other media outlets help you stay informed about the Strand. We are grateful for all they do to help promote our mission. The key is your support. We look forward to seeing you at the Strand soon! Thank you.

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