

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: April 4, 2012

Written by David on April, 3 2012

The weather outside is frightful, but my dear the Strand's delightful.

The weather has been quite the topic of conversation at the Strand. First to the recent events. We had a quick thunderstorm roll through Shelby County late Sunday night. The storm produced hail. The hail took direct aim at our new light bulbs on the marquee. So far it looks like we lost about 20. Not exactly what we had in mind, but it is what it is. Our spare stock of bulbs now needs replenished. The Strand volunteers will install replacements before our next event, Poetry Reading, on Wednesday.

Speaking of poetry, April is National Poetry Month. In honor of this event, our friends at Three Sisters Books and Gifts will again present an evening of poetry. The poetry will start at 7:00pm on Wednesday April 4, 2012. The event is free. We will be joined by featured poet Matthew Jackson. There will also be an open mic for all local poets. Please come and experience the wonderful talent of our community. See you Wednesday!

On March 23, 2012 Dan and Kim Christian performed their duo accordion concert at the Strand. The show was very entertaining. They played music from many genres and styles. The Christian's also performed the music of Zez Confrey. It isn't often we get to here Zez's music live. All you 1920's music lovers out there will know who he is. For those of you who don't, search his name in YouTube. You will be glad you did! Either way the evening was extremely enjoyable. The following night Dan and Kim played a concert in Columbus Indiana. We heard that many of our audience when there to hear them again! It was great.

During the accordion concert a car stopped in front of the theatre. A very nice young couple from Cincinnati got out and asked if we knew anything about the weather. They had heard about tornado warnings on the radio and got off I-74. They weren't quite sure where they were, but knew they didn't want to get caught in the storm. We punched up the radar on the computer and found that the storm was headed directly across their route to Chicago. We suggested they take it easy and go hear a little accordion music. Loaded with some popcorn and sodas, these two travelers went into the auditorium to wait it out. We have a feeling this is not quite the way their get-a-way weekend was planned.

After the concert they said they were leaving for Chicago. Another check of the radar and we kindly (ok, rather forcefully) suggested they wait a little while longer. The storm was camped out on I-74 and just not moving. After twenty minutes they decided to call it quits and go home to the kids in Cincinnati. By this time the storms were igniting just south of Greensburg too. We said a quick goodbye and told them to get going...right now. We don't know who they were, but we are glad they sought shelter at the Strand. If they happen to read this please know that you made the right decision. I-74 between Shelbyville and Indianapolis received so much hail that it coated the road and closed the interstate until 6:00am! Also send us an email or post on our Facebook page to let us know you got home safely.

The Strand will host the Miss Indiana University contestants in a concert on Saturday April 7, 2012. The concert starts at 7:00pm and features the talents of IU students associated with the pageant. The performers will be outstanding and it will be a great opportunity to experience a variety of entertainment. Tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Come out and support these students and the Strand. We are looking forward to the show.

(Warning, tech talk ahead). We have been informed by the pageant that a dance troupe with 18 performers will be part of the entertainment. They will perform along with the singers. When you come to the Strand you will notice speakers on the stage pointed up at the singers. These are called monitor speakers and they allow the performer to hear the instrumentals as well as their voice. There are rather large cables that go to these monitor speakers. Dancers and cables don't mix. This week Strand board member Gordon H. will be rerouting the cables under the stage so the monitors will not interfere with the dancers. These are things that we don't normally think about, but certainly have to be considered. Gordon will have the show sounding great too.

Jumping a few events ahead we would like to take a moment to discuss a show of disastrous proportions....yes that would be our remembrance of the Titanic. We had originally decided to show the 1997 Titanic film. All was well and good until we were informed that the rights to the film were rescinded. This happened because the studio re-released the movie in 3D for the Imax theatres and 2D for everyone else. Please go see the movie and think about us! All was not lost, as were the 710 who survived the Titanic. There are several other films available. We chose to show the 1958 film "A Night to Remember." This is a gripping story about the sinking of the Titanic and will be a treat to see on the big screen. There will be one showing only on Friday April 13, 2012. This is almost 100 years to the day that the Titanic sank. As you are reading this the Titanic, 100 years ago, was on her 2nd day of sea trials. Take a step back in time with the Strand to mark this seminal event in modern history.

We have many things happening in April. The Strand is able to do this because of your encouragement and support. Thank you for making the Strand a vibrant part of Shelbyville and Shelby County. See you at the Strand!

Poetry Reading

Matthew Jackson - Poet

Three Sisters Books and Gifts

April 4, 2012

7:00pm

FREE

Miss Indiana University Concert

April 7, 2012

7:00pm

\$10 Adults, \$5 Students

Cold Read Competition

Shelby County Library

April 12, 2012

7:00pm

FREE

A Night to Remember (1958)

April 13, 2012

7:30pm

\$5

Todd Yohn and Friends

Comedy

April 14, 2012

Shelby Community Band

April 15, 2012

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