

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: August 20, 2012

Written by David on August, 20 2012

The Strand is amazed the summer has gone by so quickly. This has been a busy time for the Strand Volunteers. We have had a summer full of entertaining events.

This month started with the very successful run of "Damn Yankees" by the Shelby County Players. The production was filled with great talent and great music. The 4 show run utilized many aspects of the theatre. The pit orchestra couldn't be in our orchestra pit (did you know we still have it?) Since the stage is on top of the pit, another location had to be found. Director Cindy Leahy solved this by putting the band on a platform high atop stage right. It worked very well and sounded great. The only problem was the band was directly in front of the only AC ducts we have for the downstairs auditorium. Even though it was 100 degrees outside, the band froze. Kudos to the musicians for enduring the conditions and performing well.

The rest of the cast (22 in all) were cozy in the backstage spaces. They managed all the costume and scene changes with ease. It was a pleasure having the Shelby County Players once again dazzle the audiences at the Strand.

When a play or musical is finished, the scenery is "struck". We asked the Shelby County Players how long it would take to strike "Damn Yankees." We were told they would be done by 7:30pm. The Strand wanting to seize an opportunity, scheduled an event starting at 9:30 that night.

On August 5 (&6)th the Strand was one of the very few locations nationwide that had a Mars Rover Landing Party. The Strand is about many things, one of those being history. As part of our mission we want to continually build on our community's quality of life and exposure to many things.

Curiosity, our newest Rover, landed at precisely 1:31am EST on August 6, 2012. The Strand projected the live feed from NASA on our screen. We decided to do this event only 4 days earlier. With only 1 email, 1 newspaper ad, discussion on WSVX by Bob Carmony and our marquee, we started the evening with over 50 people! When Curiosity landed we still had 23 in attendance. We wrapped up at 2:00am and promptly posted the first pictures from Curiosity on our web site.

This was a truly historic event filled with wonder, science and National pride. We appreciate the support of all who attended including our Mayor, Tom DeBaun.

The Bears of Blue River Festival Queen Pageant came to the theatre on August 11, 2012. This year's pageant was filled once again with poised and talented young ladies from our community. Strand Board Member Gordon Hood along with the BBRF Committee made sure everything was in place for a successful event. This year Bethany Ferguson won the title of Queen. Congratulations to all the contestants.

The Strand received a wonderful gift this past week. We were given a full page advertisement for the movie "The Shiek". This was from the Shelbyville Democrat dated December 6, 1921. It is incredible. It was acquired and donated by Leah Savage-Knight and John Savage in memory of their mother Genevieve S. Kelly. The framed newspaper is hung in our Cabaret area. Take a look next time you are in the Strand.

Friday Night Frights returns this Friday with a special double feature. The Strand will be transformed back into a movie

theatre and back to the days of Silent Films. The first feature is the 1925 silent Dr. Pyckle and Mr. Pride starring Stan Laurel. This movie will feature live accompaniment by silent movie organist Kurt von Schakel. This will be a treat and a little peek into the future of what will be happening at the Strand. The second feature is The Werewolf of Washington (1973). The show starts at 8:00pm on Friday August 24, 2012.

This week we have the return of comedy to the Strand's stage. On Saturday August 25, 2012 we welcome Dave "the King" Wilson and Dave Dugan. These two well know personalities and comedians will take the stage at 8:00pm. We are looking forward to an evening of laughter. Please come and support this outstanding entertainment and have some fun this Saturday night! Tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart or online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/261835>

The brief hail storm last week took direct aim at our marquee. Once again we replaced lamps, this time 14 in all. Our new bulbs are stronger and will not break as easily. Unfortunately we have about 260 of the old bulbs still installed. We will just replace as we go. Volunteers from the Bears of Blue River Festival helped the Strand in the replacement this time around. Thank you!

The Strand is honored to be a part of our community. It gives us great pleasure to see all the cars in downtown Shelbyville during our events. Thank you for your support of our project, what we believe, and most importantly of where we live. See you at the Strand!

Friday Night Frights
Dr. Pyckle and Mr. Pride (1925)
with LIVE organ accompaniment
The Werewolf of Washington (1973)
Friday August 24, 2012
8:00pm \$5:00

Comedy at the Strand
Dave "The King" Wilson
Dave Dugan
Saturday August 25, 2012
8:00pm \$15.00

Shelby County Players
Annual Meeting
Tuesday August 28, 2012
6:00pm FREE

Concert
The Big Poppy with special guest
Jes Richmond
Saturday September 8, 2012
8:00pm \$8.00
proceeds benefit
Shelbyville Animal Shelter &
The Strand Theatre

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