

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: October 1, 2012

Written by David on September, 30 2012

The Strand has been filled with activities and performances in conjunction with the Shelby County Arts Fest. The Strand was host to performances from Waldron, Southwestern, and Morrystown High School Choral Departments. The three groups brought different styles and wonderful diversity to the Strand Stage. Our county is full of talented singers and musicians. This concert was a great demonstration of the talent from all four corners of our County!

The Blue River Community Choir, under the direction of Kathy Brunsman, performed on Saturday afternoon. The Choir sounded great. They were followed by the auction of the decorated chairs for the Arts Fest. Thank you to Don Newman for donating one of the chairs back to the Strand for use in our new Green Room.

The events of the weekend finished with a performance by the Purdue Glee Club Specialty Groups. This was fantastic. The audience was treated to songs by various groups and a few numbers by the 22 musicians on the stage. Thank you to everyone who attended the Strand for the Shelby County Arts Fest events.

On Thursday night the first organizational meeting for our theatre pipe organ took place. The group learned about the history of the instruments and the history of their installation in theaters. The evening included the demonstration of actual items from our organs. We took them apart and saw first hand how they were constructed. The group was covered with coal dust. Theatre pipe organs are often covered in coal dust for good reason. The blowers that provided the wind for these instruments were many times located in the basement where the coal for the furnace was located. The piece we took apart was from the Oak Theatre in Louisville Kentucky and spent several decades in a church in Speed, Indiana. Somewhere along the long it was cozy with some coal!

The Strand volunteers used our new Annex for the first time this week. The theatre was emptied of various items. They were moved to the Annex. After about 3 hours of moving things were much neater. This will make it easier for the Shelby County Players who move in this week. They will have more space and will not have to worry about those items which are necessary for so many of our events.

In addition we removed all but 40 chairs from our cabaret area. This will allow us to re-position the bar for better utilization during performances when it is used. It is nice to have all that stuff gone, but we will certainly wonder why we moved them when we it is time to use it again and move it back!

The usage and renovation plan for the Annex is still underway. We received a very generous gift for the Annex this past week. The North Annex is about 2600 square feet. The current furnace is a converted oil furnace that is in need of bearings. The bottom line from Bob S. who takes care of all the mechanical equipment, was that a replacement would need to be found. This is one of those expenses that always seems to come up with old buildings like ours. Buy a building, now buy a furnace. Local contractor Dave Hunt learned of our dilemma and offered the Strand a slightly used high efficiency furnace. Bob S. took a look. (warning, tech talk ahead)

The Strand received a nearly new, Goodman High Efficiency Furnace. This furnace is less than five years old, and was removed from a house being demolished. This will make an excellent replacement furnace for the Annex. We have a relatively new Goodman Air Conditioning unit already in place in the Annex, and the Goodman furnace would mate up with the A/C just fine. The Goodman Furnace is a 92,000 BTU, and is rated at 90% efficiency(Good!) It would handle the Annex very nicely. The heat exchanger should have about 15 years (out of 20 original) left under warranty. We are checking the serial number with the factory to see if and how it may have been registered by the original installer. This is a good thing!

The stage door is finally in. Our stage door is an item we feel is dangerous. It also has a concrete step that is a hazard. The new door will be larger and we will remove that step. In addition the new door will be secure and air tight. The breeze on the southwest facade currently flows freely though the old door! The new stage door will be installed just as soon as the Shelby County Players are finished with their production. It will be a huge improvement. The door was funded in part by a generous grant from the Blue River Community Foundation...thank you!

We received some very nice feedback from Costaki Economopoulos about his performance at the Strand. He was appreciative and complimentary of the theatre and our audience! It is nice to add another Strand Fan to the mix. (We don't know if he went to Willie Farkle's after the show.)

This week the Shelby County Players prepare for their upcoming performance of "A Murder Announced." The sets are being loaded in and the actors prepare for opening night on Thursday October 4, 2012. They will have performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 and a Sunday matinee at 2:00pm on October 7th, Come to the Strand to enjoy live theatre and help support the Shelby County Players.

The October schedule is full of a wide variety of entertainment. On October 13, 2012 Doug and Tre Dillman will return to the Strand to perform Blues and Rock. They are helping the Strand with this performance and we hope you can attend to hear this talented duo. Tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart and the Strand Theatre Box Office.

Thank you for your support of the Arts in Shelby County. The Strand is one small part of a vibrant community filled with talented people. This past week we had 10 different events at the Strand. Your attendance and well wishes are always appreciated. It is a great joy working at the theatre and hearing the laughter and applause from the auditorium. This is all possible because of you. Thank you!

Shelby County Players
A Murder Announced
by Agatha Christie

Thursday October 4, 2012
7:30pm

Friday October 5, 2012
7:30pm

Saturday October 6, 2012
7:30pm

Sunday October 7, 2012
2:00pm

Shelby County Players
Auditions
Alice in Wonderland
October 9 & 10
6:30pm

Rock/Blues Concert
Doug & Tre Dillman
Saturday October 13, 2012

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