

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: October 20, 2012

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Dear Strand Fan,

This week at the Strand was filled with great improvements and interesting challenges. The contractors arrived early Thursday morning to install our new outside stage door. The door is a wonderful addition to the Strand. It provides a safe and energy efficient passage from our backstage area to the Post Street behind the theatre. It took us a while, but the original 1916 door is on its way to our friends at CGS Services!

The improvements continued. Strand building guru Bob S. was on hand to help with the project. The contractors had the project well in hand, so he was free to do the Strand "honey-do" list. It was quite a list. He fixed the pesky broken spring in one of our downstairs seats, tested our exit lights, fixed a light in our dressing room, replaced a switch in the old ticket booth, fixed a picture frame in the Women's Lounge, repaired our popcorn machine, and fixed our outside lights. The final item is somewhat of an embarrassment.

Last year during one of our safety inspections, we were told that the lights above our Post Street doors were required to be lit. If you travel the alley (or now a street), you will notice that there is a street light directly over our exits. Still we needed to get that fixed. We were under the assumption that there was not electricity to those lights. We had replaced a bulb only to have it not work. That was in 2008. We never thought that the replacement bulb back then was burned out too. Bob took two CFL bulbs from our stock and viola! They worked. We are, to say the least, a bit embarrassed.

The Strand hosted a fundraiser for Shelby Senior Services and the Shelby County Players on Friday October 19th. The movie Footloose was presented. When we got to the theatre we found that the electrical failure that was experienced in downtown Shelbyville this week had done damage to our projection sound equipment. This was quite the surprise to find 1 hour before the theatre opened for this movie. Strand Board member and sound guru Ron Bush was at the theatre in a flash and determined that the audio portion of one of our playback units was toast. Fortunately we have dual equipment for this and with a little effort changed to our backup unit. We finished 5 minutes before we opened for the movie. Everything went without a hitch. It was a heart stopper until we got it fixed.

After the movie the Strand hosted a series of three Ghost Tours. This was part of the Shelbyville Screams celebration produced by Angie Caudill and company. This is the second year that the Strand has participated in this event. It is always fun and we look forward to next year's event!

This week also saw two community events at the Strand. On Tuesday the Strand hosted an all day seminar. The topic was a Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Community. This is in conjunction with the efforts of Mayor Tom DeBaun and his continuing quest to improve our community. Land planner Pete Fritz lead the seminar and provided excellent information for all who attended. Pete is no stranger to Shelbyville having helped with numerous projects for the City in the past.

On Wednesday night the Shelbyville High School JAG program held their induction ceremony at the Strand. The theatre was filled with young people becoming an active part of a wonderful group. The Strand enjoys hosting this event each year and wish the new members great success.

On Saturday night October 20, 2012 the Strand welcomes comedian Drew Hastings. This is sure to be a great evening of comedy. Tickets are still available and we look forward to seeing many comedy regulars returning for this funny show. There might be a surprise or two during the show!

On Monday October 22nd the Strand is hosting a different type of event. Our board talked about how we could help educate our community in the National election process. Board member Steve Frazee suggested hosting a debate party. On Monday we will open the doors at 8:30pm. Come join the fun as President Obama and Senator Romney debate for the final time.

Poetry returns to the Strand on Wednesday October 24th. Three Sisters Books and Gifts host our semi-annual poetry reading. This is a free event. Come and enjoy talented writers in our community. They will be joined by poets Lylanne Musselman, Jayne Marek, and Mary Sexson. They will also read together as "Company of Women". It is sure to be an

enjoyable evening.

Thank you for the support and for making the Strand a destination in downtown Shelbyville in the heart of Shelby County. We appreciate your efforts to help us provide a performing arts center for our community. See you at the Strand!

Comedy
Drew Hastings
Saturday October 20, 2012
8:00pm

Debate Party
Romney / Obama Debate
Monday October 22, 2012
8:30pm

Three Sisters Books and Gifts
Poetry Reading
Wednesday October 24, 2012
7:00pm

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