

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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The Strand is pleased that our stage door is finished. The new door is a wonderful addition to the theatre. During the installation of the door, we realized that we could improve our existing doors. All our rear exit doors have panic bars installed. The panic bar is the lock mechanism that stretches across the door when pushed easily unlocks and opens the door. These doors sometimes need to stay open for access. We didn't have any way to unlock the panic bar. When the new door was installed it came with a key that allowed the lock mechanism to remain open. We checked our existing exit doors and found they had the same ability! We now can keep doors unlocked when needed.

The Shelby County Players will benefit from change in the doors. They often keep the doors open so the actors can get in and out. The new door can be unlocked, so the door can remain shut during the performance. The old door couldn't do that. The Shelby County Players also let us know they had something returned. During their summer performance they left chairs in the alley behind the theatre while they were getting things built. Someone took those chairs. We wrote about that at the time. Quite incredibly some of those chairs were placed back into the alley during their last show. While it is sad they were taken in the first place, it is nice to know that the someone did the right thing. We were hoping our trash tote that was taken would show up too, but no such luck.

The Strand is pleased to welcome Jacob Kinnett from Triton High School as our new intern. Jacob will be working on the marketing side of our organization. He is a talented student that will help with our graphics and on-line efforts. He has already written and posted an article on our web site. Check out his article about the Avon (formerly Strand) Theatre in South Bend.

We are planning for the construction work on the stage. There are several opportunities that the Strand has during this process. Our group has identified one major item that will can be accomplished during this process. Our stage has been unusable because of the 1954 air handler sitting directly in the middle. We have determined that we can say goodbye to our 1954 equipment and install new, quieter, energy efficient equipment. We have also been discussing something that we could use some help. We are looking at energy efficient and environmentally sensitive solutions. The Strand has a 300 foot deep well behind our theatre that originally provided cooling. We would like to use this asset in a new system. Do you have experience in this? If so, let us know, we could use the help. If it comes to fruition, the utilization of the well for geothermal cooling will pay dividends well into the future.

The bricks that are blocking the doorway between the third floor annex and our lodge hall are soon to be removed. Once we have access to the upstairs we can evaluate what is needed for our renovation process. It will also be seriously cool to be in a space that few have seen since 1916! Bob S., the leader of such things, will be taking care of removing those bricks. Bob is retired (or at least that is what he tells us), so much of the work will be accomplished while the rest of us are at work. If you have time and want to help, please let us know. Be prepared to climb a ladder (to gain access) and get a little dirty. The more the merrier.

We had a great month of October. We started with the Shelby County Players and ended with The Ghost and Mr. Chicken. We had many things in between including concerts, poetry, films, lecture and a symposium. The Strand welcomed our 10,000th patron for the 2012 season during October. So far we have hosted 104 events this year and we still have two months left!

In the next few weeks we will have the Snowflake Princess Contest, Hip Hop Music, a Remembrance Service, films and much more. In December we will host the Shelby County Players' production of Alice in Wonderland as well as the return of the 2012 Rockphoria!

This year the musicians of Rockphoria will present "The History of Rock & Roll, Part 1." The Shelby Community Band has lent their string bass to the Rockphoria musicians for this show. It will be a fantastic journey through the early decades of Rock & Roll. All proceeds from Rockphoria benefit the Strand and all we do. Tickets will be available soon. Please put December 14 or 15th on your calendar to attend this fun event. You will be glad you did.

The Strand welcomes Amy Haacker as the new executive director of the Blue River Community Foundation. The Foundation has been a wonderful partner with the Strand since our inception. Amy too has been part of the project since day 1. We look forward to working with Amy in her new capacity.

Everyone at the Strand is working hard to provide a flexible, accessible and appropriate venue for our community. We have spent the past 4 years working on our primary mission of utilization. As we look towards 2013 we again be in renovation mode. When we are finished our performers will have a space that is even more usable and conducive to their artistic pursuits. We will be needing your help. Our list includes:

- Finishing our Electrical Upgrade
- Remove and replace the HVAC on stage
- Building the dressing rooms
- Providing a new auditorium exit
- Expanding the Stage
- Building a new proscenium
- Installing our new lighting system.
- Renovating our projection booth
- Renovating our offices
- Making the Strand more energy efficient
- Installing a new Grand Drape

This and more will be on the horizon for the weeks and months ahead. All this will be accomplished with very little disruption to our schedule! Plan on Saturday mornings from 10:00am - 2:00pm. We will let you know when we are ready to start. We will also be holding several sessions to have anyone who is interested help us plan.

Thank you for your support. This Strand is proud to be a part of our community. We look forward to seeing you at the Strand!

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