

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: December 10, 2012

Written by David on December, 9 2012

The Strand has been hard at work on our 2013 calendar. Gary N., who schedules the theatre, has firm dates for dozens of shows in 2013. At the same time he is working on 2014 and 2015! Who would have thought we would have to plan two years ahead to insure a date for a performance at the Strand! It is a wonderful scenario that we hope continues well into the future.

The future is upon us each and every day. Bob S., who takes care of the physical aspects of our theatre, has informed everyone that between the holidays he will be leading a crew to install the new furnace in the annex and re-gain access to the long abandoned lodge hall above the Strand stage. This will be exciting (and dirty) work. When the bricks are removed, we will see what has not been seen in decades. Please email us if you would like to help. Several have expressed interest. This will be a "WOW" moment when we finally gain access to the lodge hall. We are looking forward to starting what will be the first of many renovation projects for 2013.

Recently there was a round robin of help for theaters in Shelby County. On December 1st, the Strand got a call from the Skyline Drive-In needing popcorn. The Skyline had a special showing of Elf (on film) and was greeted with fabulous weather. Joey G. anticipated a large crowd and wanted to be prepared. We had a spare bag of unpopped popcorn, so at 4:15 it was on its way to the Skyline. We are happy to help, and sure enough they had hundreds attend the drive-in. At 6:30 the Strand's popcorn popper decided to fail! We had a large audience on its way for Alice in Wonderland. We needed something ASAP. The Drive-In offered to pop what we need but that would take time. On their way out, we stopped by Studio 10 to see if they could help as we had audience arriving at any time. Studio 10 had two large bags ready to go and gladly gave them to us! After the show the Skyline dropped off another two bags for our Sunday show. If you wonder why you live in Shelby County, this is why. We all vie for audience, but also understand we have to help each other along the way. Thank you to Studio 10 and the Skyline for keeping us going.

We fixed our popcorn popper this week. It turned out to be a very simple clip that failed. We now have extras on the way and that will not be a problem again. Thank you to Indiana Concessions for helping us get the replacement parts quickly.

This week the Strand was sent regards from John Calvert. John, as you might remember, performed his magic at the Strand 2 years ago. He was 99 at the time, and is now 101. He is doing well. John's performance was one of the more memorable events held in the Strand. We wish John and his wife Tammy the best!

The Shelby County Players wrapped up their very successful production of Alice in Wonderland. This colorful production featured many Shelby County students. The cast of 31 presented 10 performances of this classic. Director Russ Gross and his artistic team brought an entertaining and well produced production to the Strand. We enjoy having the theatre used fully and our experience broadened. Once again there were "firsts" for the Strand with this production. We enjoy these new uses, even if some just gain us experience! The next production of the Shelby County Players will be "To Kill a Mockingbird."

ROCKPHORIA takes the stage this week! Friday and Saturday night will be the annual ROCKPHORIA concert at the Strand. Rockphoria is the creation of Smashed Productions and Joey Gaudin. This Rock and Roll extravaganza has been providing much needed operating expenses for the Strand since our inception. 100% of the ticket proceeds are for the Strand!

This year's theme is History of Rock & Roll (Part 1). You will hear music from the early days of Rock and Roll through the 1970's. The Rockphoria band is a group of local and regional musicians that come together to rehearse and present this show. They include:

Dave Rasche - Keyboards
Jim Whitacre - Drums
Gary Shrader - Guitar
Laura Harmon - Guitar

Jim Wisker - Bass
Rick Mitchell - Sax

They will be joined by singers:

Scott Shrader
Glenn Yarwood
Aimee Yarwood
Nick Fischer
Larry Brandt
Mark Bailey
Willandra Macklin
Bryanna Justice
Rob Springer
Amanda Hasecuster
Bobby Toon
Alanna Toon

with Special Guests 2012 SHELBY IDOL winners:

Jason Milbourn
Julia Powell

The Strand will be rockin' this week. We hope to see you either Friday or Saturday night. The musicians are ready, Indiana Downs who provides the bar is ready, the Strand is ready....now we just need you!

Next week we will have two FREE Holiday Concerts. The first is by the Shelby Community Band on Tuesday night. This will have traditional and contemporary Holiday music for every taste. On Friday night the Liberty United Methodist Church will present a cantata entitled "Season of Joy: A Celtic Christmas Celebration." This cantata is based on the traditional Irish Christmas blessing that says: "May you be as contented as Christmas finds you all the year round." We hope during this busy time of year that you find the time to come to the Strand, relax, see, and feel the beauty of the Holiday in a traditional Irish style.

Thank you for all your support. The not-for-profit Strand is fueled by the passion of our community. We are honored to be a small part in the increasing our quality of life. We hope to see you at the Strand!

Smashed Productions
ROCKPHORIA - History of Rock and Roll (Part1)
Friday December 14, 2012 8:00pm
Saturday December 15, 2012 8:00pm
Tickets available at Mickey's T-Mart and at the Door
\$12.00 Advance
\$15.00 Door

Shelby Community Band
HOLIDAY CONCERT
Tuesday December 18, 2012 7:00pm
FREE

Liberty United Methodist Church
SEASON OF JOY: A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Friday December 21, 2012 7:00pm
FREE

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