

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: April 29, 2013

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Strand Theatre has been selected as a finalist in the Blue River Community Foundation's \$100,000 IMPACT grant. The Strand was one of 5 finalists to be selected. The Grant will be awarded at the Foundation's Annual meeting in June.

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The Strand had fun last week! The concert on Friday night was top flight. Seriously Sinatra with Russell Moss brought the sound of the swing era to the Strand. Russell and guest vocalist Julie Powers were accompanied by the Stardusters Jazz Orchestra. The lead trumpet player, Jeff Anderson, will return to the Strand with the Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra on May 17th. The Strand was proud to present this outstanding entertainment.

Saturday night comedian Todd Yohn returned to the Strand. Todd is a funny guy. He is, something more to the Strand. He understands what we are trying to accomplish and helps us understand what we need to do to successfully produce comedy shows. He is always gracious and kind to all our volunteers. Then he gets on stage....and the laughter begins! Thank you to all who came out to support comedy at the Strand.

This week we had the Shelby County Drug Free Coalition Youth Council talent show on Friday night. On Saturday we welcomed by COSMOS.

The evening started with an acoustic set by Scot and Gary Shrader. Cosmos took the stage and played a wide variety (that is an understatement) of music that isn't often performed live. Laura Harmon, the leader of the band, noted that the performance was her 22nd on the Strand's stage! She was in the original pit band for Nonsense during that very first weekend in January 2008. She has been a regular musician in Rockphoria, Cosmos and a variety of other groups. Thank you Laura!

The window boxes in front of the theatre are finally got their makeover this week. We have been waiting for the warm weather. Waiting, waiting, waiting. It will make it much easier for us to mount our posters since the new method uses big clips instead of tape. We will also be more energy efficient with new fixtures.

(Warning, dirty tech talk ahead) We were contacted this week by the Shelbyville Sewer Department. It seems that they wanted to look at the sewers in the Strand. We set a time, and met with the representative of the Sewer Dept, who was also accompanied by a representative from Meade Corporation. This is the construction company, working for Vectren Energy, which is doing the gas main upgrade in the city of Shelbyville. They needed to know where the sewers exited the theatre and just how deep they were. They thought (mistakenly) that they exited out to the manholes in the alley (Post St) behind the theatre. We said "No", because that's not the way it is laid out in the theatre. So we looked at the lines where they are visible and found that they all go toward the center of the theatre. This includes the restrooms out front and the restroom back stage. We know that there is a large (6 inch) line that crosses the old ventilation tunnel about two thirds of the way forward, where the line is pitched towards West Broadway, in the vicinity of Adams' building. It goes underneath the courtyard to get out there. We proved this by putting dye into the system and observing where it came out in the manholes on Broadway. The Meade Co. needs this information because of their boring operations, which they are doing in laying the new gas mains. Well, we helped them in their search for the information. Meade Corp will now run their electronic devices through the sewers to determine their depth. (Interesting technology, to say the least.)

After all that, we talked to Jim DeWitt, former owner of the Strand. He knew EXACTLY where they were located! Knowledge is a wonderful thing.

We are going to get our work sessions going again as soon as we have an opening in our Saturday schedule. We have had Shelby Idol auditions the past two weekends. Hopefully we will get working soon.

As we wind April down, we look forward to all the great shows in May. We will welcome the Shelby County Players back for their production of PLAZA SUITE among others.

Thank you for your support. The Strand thrives because of the you. We'll see you at the Strand!

Shelbyville High School
SHS JAZZ BAND
May 4 7:00
Free

Shelby County Players
PLAZA SUITE
May 9 7:30
May 10 7:30
May 11 7:30
May 12 2:00

Coulston Elementary School
SUESSICAL (Youth Version)
May 14
May 15
Free

Shelbyville Middle School
JAZZ SHOWCASE
May 16 7:00
Free

Big Band Concert
INDIANAPOLIS JAZZ ORCHESTRA
May 17 8:00

Blue River Printing presents
HEYWOOD BANKS
May 18 8:00

Shelby Community Band
BAND CONCERT
May 19 2:00

FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS
May 24 8:00

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