

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: June 15, 2013

Written by David on June, 15 2013

The Strand has been busy. So busy, that we missed a few emails. Let's play catch-up:

May. The Shelbyville High School Jazz Band started May off with their annual Jazz Concert. It was a great time with a large audience. The band played music from the swing era as well as contemporary jazz tunes. This concert was a true part of the learning experience. The two sets were the length of a regular professional gig. The kids played over 2 hours.

The Shelby County Players continued our May with an outstanding performance of PLAZA SUITE. After they finished we had Coulston Elementary School use the Strand for two performances of "SUESSICAL". This musical was featured great singing, acting and costumes. It was quite the challenge coming in on a Sunday and performing on Wednesday. The shows had a capacity audience.

The week continued on Thursday with the Shelbyville Middle School Jazz Showcase. This featured the 6th Grade Jazz Band, the Jazz Choir and 7th & 8th Grade Jazz Band. The capacity audience enjoyed hearing these young musicians gain their jazz performance chops.

The next night was the culmination of our spring of Jazz Music. We presented the Sounds of Dreams Big Band, Suddenly Sinatra, SHS Jazz Band, SMS Jazz Bands and Choir. To finish out the series the Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra performed at the Strand. Several hundred attended this top flight event. The concert was promoted locally and for the first time into the Indianapolis market over WICR 88.7. The radio ads were generously provided by Phil & Nancy Brown. We had many out of town attendees due to this extra promotion. The IJO performed an exceptional program of all the big band standards.

It was a great way to finish this concert series. That week continued with comedian Heywood Banks performing to a capacity crowd that Saturday night. The family friendly show was filled with things that made you laugh. Heywood put on a great show and a great time was had by all.

We finished out that week with a Sunday performance by the Shelby Community Band. The band was joined by the Crossroads Brass Band.

OK, were you counting? In one week we did 7 performances with 4 capacity (Sold Out) shows. This is why the Strand exists. In a single week we welcomed over 1500 to downtown Shelbyville to experience live performance. Thank you to all the performers, volunteers, and patrons for making that week the best in our history. The performers were:

Shelbyville HS Jazz Band
Shelby County Players
Coulston Elementary Students
Shelbyville Middle School Jazz students
Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra
Heywood Banks
Shelby Community Band
Crossroads Brass Band

The month concluded with Friday Night Frights....and then we took a break. We were dark during the Memorial Day weekend. This was by design. The next week was to highlight comedian Henry Phillips. Henry broke his leg and had to cancel his show at the Strand. We hope Henry mends quickly and we will put him back in the schedule as soon as we can.

This week we welcomed Shelby Idol back to the Strand. The contestants had their first round competition on Saturday. There were so many contestants that the show had to be divided. We had a 2:00pm and 7:00pm shows. This was a first

for the Strand. Also we had reserved seats, this was a first too. We have a lot to learn, but it seemed to work out.

The competition featured talented local performers. Thank you to Angie Caudill and Smashed Productions for producing Shelby Idol. All the proceeds come to the Strand Theatre...thank you SHELBY IDOL.

This week D-Why and Kid Quill will perform on the Strand stage. The performance is on Tuesday June 18th at 7:30 pm. We look forward to hearing Hip-Hop music at the Strand.

The next email you will receive has a very important announcement. We are have something big to announce!

Thank you for your support. The Strand is a wonderful place because of you! See you at the Strand!

Hip-Hop Concert
D-WHY & Kid Quill
June 18, 2013
7:30pm

Friday Night Fights
Troma Films
Father's Day
The Taint
June 28, 2013
8:00pm

Smashed Productions
Shelby Idol Semi-Finals
June 29, 2013
7:00pm

Shelby County Players
SUDS
July 18-21, 2013

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