

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: September 18, 2013

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The lights are OFF, the lights are ON. This is the big week for the Strand. We are completing the long awaited switchover to our new power system. We know everyone is curious how this turned out. (warning, tech talk ahead)

The original plan was to have one meter feeding the theatre with 120/240 4 wire three phase power. Duke Energy informed us they could not provide a transformer with the capacity to handle our needs. We reconfigured our lighting dimmer rack from the 3 phase power to single phase.

This week Steve Dennis Electric removed a 200 amp three phase service installed in 1967 from the front of the theatre. Steve and Darin M. removed another 200 amp three phase service installed in 1975 from the rear of the theatre. We then removed the 400 amp single phase service we installed in 2010. Finally the removed the 1916 100 amp service that has been doing its job for 98 years from the front of the theatre. 4 in all. Good riddance!

When the old services were disconnected Monday morning it was discovered that the 1916 panel had a very bad connection that had been getting hot for decades. It made everyone breathe a sigh of relief.

We then fed power from the Strand Annex one of our modern 200 amp panels. This gave us lights and power for tools. Our annex power is still being paid by our friends at Stage Door Graphics. When we are finished, the last step is to disconnect the 200 amp panel in the annex and power it from our system. Thank you Stage Door.

The demolition began. Every bit of old stuff was removed (not so gently). During this time Bob S., the head of maintenance at the Strand...a department of one (he could use some help), built racks to mount the new electrical panels. Once all this was finished, the shiny new boxes started to appear. Under our stage we have a new 400 amp three phase panel, a new 400 amp single phase disconnect for our lighting system. In addition there was another new 400 amp single phase panel joining our existing twin 200 amp panels. Wow, that is allot of goodies. Check our web site for pictures of these new items.

That brings our grand total to 400 amp three phase and 1200 amp single phase. Steve Dennis will be energizing these new panels on Wednesday morning. While Duke is there, they are moving the position of the wires from the pole. This will allow us clear access to the third story double doors for the installation of our theatre pipe organ. We take one step at a time!

It will require several weeks to install all our lighting circuits, lighting pipes and new outlets. We will also be upgrading several existing sections of wiring. When done it will be worth the wait. Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Strand so this could be possible. Thank you to the City of Shelbyville for their investment in our project. Thank you to Steve Dennis, Darin McIntire, Ron Bush and Bob Schlick who did all the heavy lifting to get this done. Time to cue "Lights Up!"

Last week we had the honor of hosting several events for the Shelby County Arts Fest. We had a great time and hope everyone was able to get downtown to visit all the activities. The art show is still at the Grover Museum. Check it out.

This week we have two fun events. On Friday night, Branden, our new guru of the genre, has put together a unique Friday Night Frights. This month we will feature 2 films produced in Indiana. Beverly Lane (2010) directed by Joshua Hull and Found (2012) directed by Scott Schirmer. Both these directors are scheduled to be at the Strand to discuss their films! This is a great honor for the Strand to present these dynamic filmmakers and their films. The show starts at 7:00pm. It is a

great time and is only \$5.

On Saturday night the Strand welcomes comedian Jimmy Pardo. The show starts at 8:00 pm and we still have tickets available. Doors open early at 7:00pm for this performance. Come enjoy top flight comedy this weekend at the Strand.

The Strand is grateful to everyone who is a part of this special place. We enjoy helping our community grow and prosper. The Strand presents wonderful local, regional and national talent. This week you will have the opportunity to experience unique entertainment right here at home.

Thank you for your support. We hope to see you at the Strand!

Friday Night Frights
BEVERLY LANE (2010)
FOUND (2012)
Friday September 20, 2013
7:00 pm

Comedy
JIMMY PARDO
Saturday September 21, 2013
8:00 pm

Shelby County Players
NIGHTWATCH
Thursday October 3, 2013
Friday October 4, 2013
Saturday October 5, 2013
7:30 pm
Sunday October 6, 2013

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