

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: October 27, 2013

Written by David on October, 27 2013

The Strand is a fun place! The month of October has brought a variety of programs to the theatre. We had an excellent evening of poetry, a wonderful concert by The Big Poppy Band and much more. The Big Poppy Concert helped raise funds for the Shelby County Animal Shelter. It was an excellent evening of music.

The Strand was the host for an evening of entertainment in celebration of our Sister City Shizouka City, Japan. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship. The evening brought a full house to the Strand. The performers included Miss Jill's School of Dance, Hendricks Elementary Choir, Brass Tacks Brass Quintet, Loper Elementary Choir, Pitts Kitchen Dulcimer Band, and a drum demonstration by the Miami Nation. Our visitors from Japan were treated to a wide variety of local entertainment.

Costaki Economopoulos performed at the Strand on October 19th. He was very funny. Costaki has been a champion for the Strand helping us book a variety of comic talent. Thank you Costaki! The comedy continues with the announcement that our final performance of our 2013 season will be popular comedian Donnie Baker! He will perform December 21st. Get your tickets early, as he sold out very quickly last year. Its State Law.

The Shelbyville High School Band presented the Musical Madhouse Haunted House. The Strand was transformed into a creepy and scary place! Every inch of space was used. It was an excellent event and everyone had a great time. We received lots of comments about our upstairs visitors from the street. If you saw it, you know what we mean.

Facade of the Strand is officially FINISHED! We received a facade renovation grant to repaint the areas above the marquee. This work was too high and dangerous for our volunteers to accomplish. Huber Bros. Painting did an excellent job and was able to paint small details that we haven't done yet. Before they left John Huber told us he was painting the rest of the exterior. As he put it "now's the chance". We were able to change our door colors to match the marquee. He even did the back doors! The work isn't done. We are installing facade lighting as part of this project too. Thank you to Mainstreet and Huber Bros. for keeping the Strand clean and crisp.

Coming up we have several great programs. This Friday we premier the movie CODA. This is by local film maker Abe Purvis. Come support our local artists and check out this new film!

We welcome the contestants of Dancing With The Shelby County Stars on November 8th. This is a preview dress rehearsal before their competition later in the month. The full event, taking place at Indiana Downs is sold out. This is your chance to see local notoriety take to the dance floor! This is fundraiser from Shelby Seniors Services and Shelby County Players. Tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart for \$10.

We will be showing the movie PATTON Saturday November 9th at 7:00pm. All veterans are invited to attend free of charge. This iconic film is part of our celebration of Veteran's Day. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

We are looking forward to a very unusual theatrical event November 15 & 16. Local playwright Michael Brown will have is new work "Shadows In The Attic" performed on the Strand's stage. According to the author:

The first act is factual, the portion of the play where the orphans appear are counterfactual ? this play is not a telling of any specific biographies but serves as a celebration of the collective lived from among the inhabitants of the Gordon's Home during its 66 years it has been atop the hill.

Like most biographies of a place it gives way to the why and how of those who called it home without revealing personal information and therefore protecting their privacy.

Act 2 deals with the adults and how their lives played out.

Shelby County Historian Ron Hamilton will give a short lecture before the Friday performance on the home and its matron Mina Mohr. This will give the audience the historical background for the play. The performance starts at 7:00 and tickets are \$10.

The final news is BIG news. The Blue River Community Foundation has awarded a grant to the Strand Theatre. This is to fund installation of our new seats donated by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Thank you BRCF! More about that next week.

Thank you for your support. The Strand is thrilled to be a part of our community and the artistic lives of so many. It is not possible without you. Thank you! See you at the Strand.

Movie Premier

CODA

Friday November 1

7:30PM

\$5.00

Shelby County Players / Shelby Senior Services
DANCING WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY STARS

Open Dress Rehearsal

Friday November 8

7:30PM

\$10.00

Veteran's Celebration

PATTON (1970) 172 minutes

All Veterans Free Admittance

Saturday November 9

7:00PM

\$5.00

Little Red Barn Theatre Company

Premiere Performance

SHADOWS IN THE ATTIC

Friday November 15

Saturday November 16

\$10.00

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