

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: December 15, 2013

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Dear Strand Fan,

The Strand has been a busy place the past several weeks. We have had a nice mix of performance, rehearsal and repair. Let's start with the performance.

Since we last talked, the Strand presented the premiere performance (open dress rehearsal) of "Dancing With The Shelby County Stars." This production was a fundraiser for our friends from Shelby Senior Services and the Shelby County Players. The actual performance was the following weekend at Indiana Downs. That performance was sold out!

The Little Red Barn Theatre Troupe presented the premier production of Michael Brown's "Shadows In The Attic." This is a play about the children and governess at the Gordon's Childrens Home on Shelbyville's east side. Before the opening night performance, Shelby County Historian Ron Hamilton gave a short lecture on the home. It really put the play into historical context. This was an event that was quite special. It was a local playwright, a local subject, local performers all at our local theatre!

In the middle of the run of Shadows In The Attic, the Kappa Delta Phi Sorority presented their Snowflake Princess Coronation. This annual event raises money for various organizations across our county. This year's contestants brought grace and poise to our stage.

Freeman Family Funeral Homes held their annual Remembrance Service at the Strand. There were many people that were remembered at this uplifting event. Music was provided by Rob Springer and Thurman Adams.

November's Friday Night Frights was presented on a Saturday last month. Our FNF programmer, Branden Y. decided we would show Gremlins and Gremlins 2. They had a very large attendance. By far the largest FNF attendance yet. Good job Branden.

The Strand presented our annual showing of ELF the day after thanksgiving. This is becoming a Holiday Tradition for many families. This free event is always fun for everyone at the Strand.

The Shelby County Players finished their successful run of The Velveteen Rabbit. This children's show delighted young and old alike!

Finally the repair. (warning, tech talk ahead). The Strand is 98 years old. This past few weeks the theatre has let us know loud and clear that it is old. We have had a myriad of repairs and maintenance tasks to perform. This is what it takes to keep the Strand performance ready. All credit goes to Bob S:

- Cleaned top of the marquee
- Cleaned the marquee drains
- Replaced balast in beverage cooler
- Replaced clamp on Coke machine drain
- Removed, rebuilt and re-installed balcony air handler motor
- Repaired damaged auditorium light fixtures
- Installed gas line to Strand Annex furnace
- Braces stage extension, caulked and painted
- Applied 5 gallons of roof coating
- Cleaned urinal drains
- Installed concessions stand cash drawer
- Replace air handler belts

Replaced marquee light bulbs
Sealed top of marquee

The Strand will close after the Donnie Baker performance for some much needed renovation. We will be replacing our balcony seats, renovating our balcony restroom, finishing our offices, installing another emergency exit and expanding our stage. We will need your help!

The week ahead is our final week of our 2013 season. It is full of fun programs, something for everyone.. We will finish with 124 events! Thank you for all your support. We look forward to seeing you this week at the Strand!

Coulston Elementary School
ANNIE, JR.
December 17, & 18
6:30pm
FREE tickets available at the door
First come, first serve.

Liberty United Methodist Church
Shelby Community Choir
CHRISTMAS CANTATA
December 20
7:00pm
FREE

Strand Comedy Series
DONNIE BAKER
December 21
7:30 Show ? SOLD OUT
9:30 Show - tickets available

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