

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: February 23, 2014

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Dear Strand Fan,

Another week of great progress has passed. Our balcony is slowly getting finished. While we have already opened, there are at least 3 rounds on our punch list. First was the completion of the trim work. This was done by our contractor Runnebohm Construction. No sooner was the trim installed, then "boom", it was painted. It seems like magic!

Next was the installation of our carpet. The installers from Shelbyville Paint and Wallpaper completed installation by the end of the week. This work includes carpet down the aisles in the lower balcony and up the steps in the upper balcony. The carpet is extended all the way back to the new restrooms. There was enough carpet left to do the stairs leading to the balcony. This is a huge upgrade. It looks beautiful.

Our new lighting tormenters, bars that are attached to the wall to hang lighting instruments, were installed. Angelo from Runnebohm accomplished this task. This was successful because of work that was accomplished when we originally renovated the theatre. Back then, one of the pilasters in the auditorium had crumbled. The plaster had water damage and turned to powder. In 2007 Steve F. spent weeks rebuilding the plasterwork on this pilaster. What he found that the steel that supported the roof of the theatre ran right down the middle of the pilaster. We tucked that knowledge away. Fast forward to this week to the installation of the tormenters. Where could they be attached? We told Angelo to stay in the center of the pilaster he would find steel. Sure enough, that is what happened. As for the strength he told us "you can hang an elephant from it." Two are installed and two to go!

We also increased the railing height at the edge of the balcony. The legal minimum height is 26". We raised the existing rail to 29". We also installed additional horizontal bars on the rail. As always no sooner as it done and Bam! It was painted. Not only was it painted, but all the rails and hand holds in the entire balcony received a fresh coat of oil based paint. Gordon H. was busy. The rail will look good, but it is temporary. Strand volunteer Crystal N., an architect, is designing a permanent rail for us. The rail is a major visual element in the theatre and something that deserves extra effort.

Rick from Affordable Plumbing finished the rough-in for our new bathrooms. This didn't go as easily as planned. The all important sewer connection that was existing couldn't be used. Rick had to run a new drain line from the 2nd floor bathrooms all the way to the basement. He made it look easy. The majority of the plumbing was done from underneath. The water line was run, and the lines for the new hot water heater were installed.

We opted to put a water heater adjacent to the new bathrooms. We had hot water available, but the time it would take to get upstairs was too long. We felt it was important to have hot water in the restrooms and not have to wait. Rick has us ready to go. The City of Shelbyville has done their inspection and we are ready for drywall and finishing. The new bathrooms have metal studs, so running the water and electricity was easier in those spaces.

We have a few things left to do in the bathrooms before we close the walls, but with luck we should have drywall the end of this week or the beginning of next. This will also include the new hallway back to the bathrooms. We have enclosed the space surrounding our air handling equipment. This new hallway will be crisply clean and lit in soft light. It also includes a relocated door that will provide access to our office suite.

We have some adjustments for our balcony seats, but so far, so good. We are ready, which is good. This weekend the Shelby County Players load-in for their upcoming production of "Trouble in Tumbleweed."

You will notice the Mr. Shelbyville talent show is re-scheduled. Due to the weather, the SHS National Honor Society had to move to event to Wednesday March 12th. This is a benefit for Our Hospice of South Central Indiana / Shelby County.

The first part of our renovation is winding down. We will be doing things behind the scenes to finish. As soon as we receive our State Design Release for our fire exit work will shift to renovation of the annex. We are thrilled with the results and look forward to you seeing them. Attending Trouble in Tumbleweed will be the perfect opportunity!

The Strand has lots of great performances scheduled. We look forward to getting back into the performance "groove". There is something for everyone.

Thank you for your support. You make everything we do at the Strand worthwhile. See you at the Strand!

Shelby County Players
TROUBLE IN TUMBLEWEED
Thursday, March 6th 7:30pm
Friday, March 7th 7:30pm
Saturday, March 8th 7:30pm
Sunday, March 9th 2:00pm

SHS National Honor Society
MR. SHELBYVILLE
Benefit for Our Hospice
Wednesday, March 12 7:00pm
(this is a re-scheduled event)

Travel Authority
IRELAND EVENT
Thursday, March 13th

Shelby Community Band
SPRING CONCERT
Sunday, March 16 2:00pm

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