

# **Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.**

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## **Strand Theatre Weekly Email 4/16/2016**

Written by David on April, 16 2016

Dear Strand Fan,

Like food? This week the Strand will have a culinary experience. Ça te dit?

DISH IT OUT is Friday night. This event, modeled after a television cooking competition, will test the skills of budding chefs from local schools. They will be vying for a \$2000 culinary scholarship. Taste of Shelby County in conjunction with Shelby County Tourism is sponsoring this event. The competition will be Friday night at 7:00pm. Admission is free. (A culinary addition will be yummy popcorn from our concession stand!) This is the first of what we hope will be an annual event.

Saturday night the Strand is partnering with 18 on the Square. Starting at 5:00pm dinner will be served at 18 on the Square. They will serve the First Class Dinner Menu as served on the Titanic on April 14, 1912. This is the night she sunk. Dinner includes 10 courses (yes, 10). Tickets must be purchased, or reservations made by tonight (Thursday).

After dinner, everyone will come to the Strand to see the 1997 film TITANIC. We anticipate the film starting about 8:00pm. If you want to come to the film only, tickets are only \$5 at the door. This will be something that is new and fun for our community. Unfortunately after dinner, we know how it ends?

Sunday will be a new event for the Strand. SongFarmers of Shelby County will host an informal musical gathering. This includes a pitch in dinner, held on the Cabaret Area. The afternoon is billed as "Hippies in the Round on the stage at the Strand." The event starts at 5:00pm and is free. It will be an interesting afternoon/evening of food and music.

In order to present this weekend's events, the Strand has worked diligently with the organizations partnering with us. Dish It Out started over 6 weeks ago with electrical upgrades. In order to power four cooktop/ovens from Bishop's Appliances, we had to install a new panel on the back wall of the theater. We had to make 50amp rated extension cords adequate for an oven! That work was completed late last week. For Titanic planning started several months ago. Paul Dillow, owner of 18 on the Square, has worked to get the proper ingredients to recreate the menu. Easier said than done. He will be faithful to the original recipes with only a few modifications where needed.

Did you notice the crane in front of the Strand last week. We picked a day when our neighbor's hair salon was closed. Unfortunately for us, it was raining. We persevered. Mohr Crane Service with the J.R. Wortman Company hoisted all the new air conditioning equipment onto our roof. At the same time they removed the old units and loaded them for recycling.

By the end of the day all the new equipment was in place. The new roof from Ellerman Roofing was ready too. We have a good foundation for the new units that will last for a very long time. There were a few bumps in the process, but we were able to work them out.

Shelby Idol posters went to Blue River Printing this week. The audition process will start April 30th. Additional auditions will be May 12th, 21st, and June 15th.

Our Ignite Grant Application was submitted earlier this month to the Blue River Community Foundation. It represents the most comprehensive planning for any project we have done since our renovation. In the Grant we are asking for funding of our stage renovation. Thank you to Indiana Landmarks, Indianapolis Opera, and Heywood Banks for letters of support.

We will do our renovation whether we win the grant or not, but the grant will allow us to do the work almost a decade ahead of schedule!

As part of the Grant, the Strand has acquired part of the old Tippecanoe Press Building. The section we will use is adjacent to our stage. It will allow for offstage storage and use. It is a critical step in the future success of the Strand. Thank you to Curt Pearman the owner of the building for making this possible.

The lecture series on Winston Churchill has been a success. Three down, three to go. A regular group of attendees are learning about Mr. Churchill and his views. This week's topic was modern warfare. We learned that Mr. Churchill believed it should be avoided. Good advice from our perspective. Please visit us for the remaining lectures. They are on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Admission is free.

Looking ahead to next week we will have Poetry Night on April 19th (Tuesday). This is a free event sponsored by Three Sisters Books and Gifts. It is always a delightful evening. Wednesday night is the next in the Churchill Lecture Series. Thursday night will be Mr. Shelbyville. This event was rescheduled from March. It will be a full week of a variety of entertainment.

Finally we have one sensitive topic to discuss. (warning, tech talk ahead) Well, not quite tech talk, but certainly on the technical side. We have often been asked about our name. Strand Theatre/The Strand Theatre/Strand Theater? Here is the end of that discussion. A special thank you to all the grammarians at the Bookmark for helping solve this. We are the Strand Theatre. No capital ?T? for the article. Our name is from the first newspaper ads placed in 1916. The ?-re? spelling was used then, and we use it today. That spelling will only be used when referring to the proper name of the Strand. When referring to the physical building, we will use the more modern spelling ?theater.? Hence: Welcome to the Strand Theatre. This week our air conditioners were placed on the roof of the theater.? Now if we can only keep it straight.

We are busy. There are lots of different and interesting events in April. Thank you for the support. We enjoy being a part of the Strand and hope you are proud of the theater?s accomplishments. We hope to see you at the Strand!

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