

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Email 4/29/2016

Written by David on April, 29 2016

Dear Strand Fan,

Did you like the Strand History we sent on Wednesday? Gary Nolley did an outstanding job in researching and writing that article. Sometimes we don't realize how lucky we are. Our Shelby County Library has a wealth of historical information that is easily accessible. The librarians are eager to help. Without this community asset research like we conducted would not be possible.

The information presented was faithful to the articles published at the time. We do know back then they had a tendency to exaggerate. We are skeptical on some of the data, but we put forth what was published. Thank you Gary for all your hard work on that project. In the article Gary discussed the first Vitaphone film in 1928. The projector that showed that film is currently on display at the Grover Museum complete with its Vitaphone attachment!

Work continues. Our HVAC (Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning) project is drawing to a close. As of today the Strand is completely air conditioned. This is the first the lobby and offices have had A/C. We are looking forward to being a little cooler in our lobby this summer than in years (or decades) past. Thank you to Steve Dennis Electric, J.R.Wortman Company, and Ellerman Roofing for all working together to finish this job. It was a coordinated effort.

Now that things are finishing, we can put the theater back together. We are in the process of clearing our stage and removing the scaffold. Our work for the time being is drawing to a close.

The Strand received word this week that we did not qualify as a finalist for the Blue River Community Foundation's Ignite Grant. We have written in the past that our grant was for the renovation of our stage. This would allow us to flourish with additional programming and greater facilitation of existing events. It also would make our stage completely accessible for those with disabilities. Our project, with a projected completion date of February 2017, would impact every performer and audience member, as the stage impacts both groups. Based on the usability and longevity of the construction, our sustainability is a minimum of 100 years. Remember our current stage just turned 100!

As always our investment would be spent locally including assistance from our wonderful volunteers. We would like to thank the Blue River Community Foundation for the opportunity to apply for this grant. We wish the finalists luck with what we are sure will be a transformative project for our community.

Tonight is a special concert. Infinity Now will be performing at 8:00pm. This is to support Our Hospice of South Central Indiana. All Shelby County high schools participate in raising funds for Hospice. Tonight we will learn how much was raised. Thank you to all the young leaders in our community who support these efforts.

Saturday morning Shelby Idol 2016 kicks off with their first round of auditions. Auditions will take place at the Strand from 10:00am - 1:00pm. We look forward to this year's competition along with the addition of the "Acoustic" category.

Tomorrow is the return of Heywood Banks. He is a funny, family friendly comedian. His show is always entertaining. If you haven't experienced a comedy show at the Strand, this would be a good way to start. Tickets are still available. We appreciate Heywood keeping Shelbyville in his performance plans. It is always nice to have him back at the Strand. He too is a lover of old buildings, I am sure Bob S. will give him a tour of all the newly accessible areas from our recent work.

Let us brag on someone for just a moment. Bob Schlick, our self professed "antique that takes care of the antiques" received the Shelby County Super Senior Award on Saturday at a brunch at Bear Chase Golf Club. Our Board quietly agreed that Bob should be nominated for the many things he does to help the Strand including helping many others outside of the Strand. A nomination letter was submitted to the Shelby County Council on Aging. The winner was chosen. It was Bob! To say that we were thrilled is an understatement. He was awarded a nice table clock, flowers and a certificate. He will now move on to a statewide Super Senior contest to be announced later. If you see Bob S. tell him congratulations on an honor we feel is well deserved.

Bob is the epitome of what our community has to offer. His focus is on helping, nothing else. This embodies our Strand philosophy. Our core values are Quality of Life, Community Self Esteem, Economic Vitality, and Artistic Freedom. In order to be successful, we know that helping is the key that unlocks everything. We are proud to have tonight's performance be our 937th. We enjoy what we do. Thank you for making this possible. We appreciate and respect your support. See you at the Strand!

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