

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Email 5/10/2016

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Dear Strand Fan,

The Strand has a very special event this coming week. Famed actor Vincent Price will be remembered by his daughter VICTORIA PRICE. She will give a presentation about her father and memories of her childhood. The evening will continue with the screening of HOUSE ON THE HAUNTED HILL, one of Vincent Price's most memorable films. This will be Wednesday May 18, 2016. Doors open at 6:30 and the lecture starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10. They may be purchased in advance at Mickey's T-Mart or at the door.

Victoria will be available in our Cabaret Area signing copies of her book Vincent Price: A Daughter's Biography. This event is being produced and sponsored by the Skyline Drive-In. It is one of many things this season where the Strand and the Skyline are partnering to bring the best entertainment to our community. The Strand is very proud that we collaborate with many different groups, businesses, and artists. While collaboration is not unique, the scope and variety the Strand brings to the table is something that is not often found in Midwest performing arts centers.

This appearance by Victoria Price is in conjunction with her 2016 speaking schedule. You have the opportunity to hear her in Denver, Co; San Francisco, CA; Austin, TX; Provo, UT; Sacramento, CA; Palm Springs, CA; Seattle, WA; Saarbrücken, Germany; and London, England. We are proud to add Shelbyville, IN to that list!

Upon hearing about Victoria Price's visit, Strand volunteer Branden Yates sent this description "My mind was plagued with thoughts the moment I found out Victoria Price was going to be speaking at the Strand. It's strange how your life can suddenly intersect with the things you are passionate about. I can't tell you how many times I've pictured a devious, yet charming Vincent Price, lurking in the shadows while I've been in the Strand. As a fan I can say, I have so much respect for Victoria Price for coming to commemorate her father's legacy at the Strand Theatre. Already, I can say she has a superb taste in venues and is sure to give fans the chance to see her father's life from a whole new perspective."

Following Victoria Price on May 19th will be the Shelbyville Middle School Jazz Showcase. This will feature the SMS Jazz Band and the SMS Jazz Choir. This is always an entertaining concert. The concert is free. Come and hear our local middle school students cut their jazz chops on the Strand's stage.

SHELBY IDOL AUDITIONS continue tonight! This is your chance to perform on the Strand's stage and compete with other talented singers. This year an acoustic division has been added to the mix. This division welcomes artist that sing unaccompanied or with their own instrument. This division also allows two performers instead of just one.

Comedian COSTAKI ECONOMOULIS returns the Strand on May 21st. He is a very funny and clever comedian. It has been a few years since Costaki had been in Shelbyville, and we look forward to his performance. Tickets are only \$15 if purchased in advance. You may purchase tickets locally at Mickey's T-Mart and online at BrownPaperTickets.com
Remember, Costaki is the biggest name in comedy!

The SHS Jazz Band performed this past weekend. The concert was fantastic and the band sounded great. The students played like professionals with a challenging two set concert. The tunes ranged from big band standards to music of today. This was the first performance to utilize our newly reclaimed 1916 stage. Without that area, the band would not have fit! It was also the first performance of its type to perform with the grand drape open. We were curious how the acoustics would change without that big piece of velvet behind the performers. The answer is now known: the theater sounds great with or without the curtain!

The lecture series on Winston Churchill concluded last week. Thank you to the loyal attendees who made the Strand their destination on Wednesday night for six weeks. We plan on doing other interesting topics in the future. Thank you to Hillsdale College in Hillsdale Michigan for supporting the Strand Theatre and allowing us the opportunity to share their insight into this world figure.

Our HVAC project is winding down. The theatre is warm in the cool weather, and cool in the warm weather. This past few weeks that has been on the same day. The new AC system performed perfectly in its first real test with Heywood Banks. The theater was evenly cool and whisper quiet. We look forward to the final certification of the equipment and placing it into normal operation.

(Strand + Skyline = James Bond Film Festival - August 2016)

The Strand is running on all cylinders...this cannot be done without you. Thank you for attending, thank you for the encouraging words, and thank you for your support. See you at the Strand!

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