

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Email 7/1/2016

Written by David on July, 1 2016

Dear Strand Fan,

Shelby Idol was fantastic. There was lots of talent on our stage. The judges job was difficult, but the list of advancing singers was decided. The Semi-Final Round on July 23rd will include:

Open Division-

Taylor Bray

Shawna Martin

Ed Cottner

Hailey Allen

Greg Weaver

Megan Manning

High School Division

Olivia Brown

Randy McDaniel

Zaria Martin

Savannah Jones

Alyssa Flory

Hunter Skillman

McKenna Hall

Middle School Division

Kayla Maggazzeni

Emma Barton

Katie McDaniel

The audience ballots have always listed the names of the performers. Strand volunteer Mindy S. suggested we put the names of the songs on the ballot too. What a great idea! We never thought of that. This is an excellent example of how our organization can grow and change, even with something that has been produced as much as Shelby Idol. You will see Mindy's suggestion implemented on the July 23rd show. Thank you Mindy!

The ballots were counted this year in a marathon session after the show. As in years past they are loaded into an extensive spreadsheet that calculates the results. This is an online tool. A few Strand volunteers had to miss the event

and were driving in the middle of Nebraska at the time. They could follow along with the results on the Strand's internal data network as they were being tallied. It was exciting even from afar.

The Strand is still catching up on work needing done. We discussed last week our problem with the drain for the office A/C units, and our flood in the women's restroom. We found out that the problem wasn't solved.

Gary N. came to the Strand to prepare for the Shelbyville Parks Department's Red Carpet Event on Friday. All the summer campers perform on our stage as part of their activities. It is always a fun event. Gary was getting things ready and lo and behold there was another flood. This was much worse than the first. A quick call to Rick Rich of United Plumbing Contractors and the problem was fixed. It turned out that the drain we used for the units was very brittle. Our last repair only fixed a section. The rest of the line failed. A new drain line was installed and that should be that. Thank you Rick for rescuing us. The performance went on without a hitch.

This week we upgraded our exterior sign to be mounted on the back of the theater. It is currently sitting on the shelf in the lobby. We converted the sign to LED lamps. We will have lower energy cost, lower heat, and about 12 years of use before it will need service. Put it on your calendar, we need to replace those lamps in June 2028.

Congratulations to our partners at Shelby Senior Services and the Shelby County Players on the awarding of the Ignite Grant from Blue River Community Foundation. We look forward to seeing the progress on their project. The Players will be back at the Strand in August performing "I DO, I DO."

The Shelby County Fair starts this week. The fair runs from July 4-9th. The Strand will be joining other arts organizations in the Brinson Building. The Shelby Arts Alliance, which as you know we highlight in every program at the Strand, has put together this activity. Stop in and take some information! While you are there don't forget to see the other outstanding artwork in the other buildings.

July 15 we have our night of Silent Movies with Dr. Andrew Simpson. Advance Tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart. That is followed by FINAL CURTAIN on July 16th. This concert will be by the former winners of Shelby Idol. The performers include:

2009 - Darrin Isaac

2010 - John Thompson

2011 - Erica Marcum

2001- Rob Springer

2013- Jamee Nielsen

2013 - Jeena Brown

2014 - Lauren Taylor

2014 - Morgan Gibson

2015 - Lori Milbourn

2015 - Olivia Reimann

2015 - Emma Hill

It will be a wonderful evening. If you haven't experienced the talent of Shelby Idol, come to this concert. You will see the best of the past! Advance tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart. As always, all the Shelby Idol performers are volunteers for the Strand.

The Strand is preparing for our James Bond film festival. Two of the five films will feature a pre-movie concert featuring music from the Bond films. The band that has assembled to do this has musicians from as far away as Avon. They are working hard to have a great concert of tunes you all know and love. The rock band is joined by a horn section. It will be fun. This week we took the publicity picture for the concert. The concert is BOND ON THE RUN. You can only imagine the picture. Good thing we have a brick wall. (you rock and roll fans will know instantly).

The Strand family wishes you a very happy and healthy Fourth of July. Thank you for supporting the Strand. We will see you at the Shelby County Fair next week!

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