

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Email 7/15/2016

Written by David on July, 15 2016

Dear Strand Fan,

This past week was fun.

Since our last update we participated with the Shelby Arts Alliance at the Shelby County Fair. It is nice to be at the fair, as they are older than us by 68 years! We talked to many people during the week at the Brinson Building. The best was Saturday night as the weather was beautiful and the attendees were engaging.

We really enjoyed spending the week with aba creations, the Shelby Arts Guild Association, Shelby County Players, Shelby Community Choir, Shelby Arts Alliance, Shelby Community Band, Kate from Gallery 4:44, the Shelby County Historical Society, Grover Museum, Bear Paw Quilters, Liz Riggs from the Icing Shoppe, Jedediah and Erica from Scapegoat Spekeri, Nancy from Cossairts Florist, Tracy from Master Gardeners, Shanae from Trinity United Methodist, Pitts Kitchen Dulcimer Band, Shelby County Arts Fest, White River Sound Chorus, Rob Springer, and the Blue River Harmonizers. The arts are alive and well in Shelby County!

The past weekend we finally mounted our exterior sign in the back of the Strand. Please take a trip down Post Street (yes, the alley behind the Strand is a street) and take a look. Several volunteers were there and we are quite nervous. The job went exactly as planned. That doesn't happen very often! The sign looked huge in our lobby, but is small in scale to the back wall of the theater. Thank you to all who helped. Also thank you to Stage Door Graphics who made sure the sign looked great.

Tonight we welcome Dr. Andrew Simpson from the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music of the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. Dr. Simpson will present a program of silent films from the Jazz Age. These mid 1920s comedies will be accompanied by original scores composed by Dr. Simpson. Andrew is resident film accompanist at the National Gallery of the Art and house accompanist for the Library of Congress. It will be an interesting and fun program. Tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart or at the door. The program starts at 7:30pm.

Did we mention that Andrew grew up in Shelbyville? He is a graduate of Shelbyville High School. Russell Smith, director of music at SHS, says that Andrew is renowned as one of the most talented musicians to graduate Shelbyville High School. Please try to attend this very special presentation.

The weekend continues with performers from the past. Shelby Idol's FINAL CURTAIN will bring back former Shelby Idol winners from 2008 to 2015. It will be fun to hear this outstanding talent one last time. Shelby Idol will retire after this year's competition. The legacy for our community and the talent that has been presented will be highlighted with this concert.

The Strand family is looking forward to this as much as anything that has performed on our stage. Shelby Idol embodies the core values of the Strand and it will be nice to hear singers from the beginning of that event.

The concert starts at 7:00pm and will include the singers and a look back at the history of Shelby Idol. Angie Caudill, Sandie Hill, and Morgan Gibson have worked very hard preparing the competition and this concert too. The concert is the result of a request from the Strand to take a look back. It is wonderful to have dedicated volunteers such as these three that make things happen and move our community forward. Thank you!

We are planning a meeting to go over our stage renovation plans. At this meeting we will be seeking input on how to accomplish this task. It will be the largest renovation project to date, surpassing the original renovation. The reason for this is that it will include major structural work, demolition work, work to the Annex and our stage extension into the TP Building, but most importantly it will be accomplished in 10 weeks.

We have a few structural obstacles to solve as well as funding issues. We will keep you posted on the meeting date and time. We hope to hold this in the middle of August, but wanted to give everyone a head start on thinking about the project.

If you play Pokemon Go, you can visit the Strand! We are listed on the game and welcome the numerous players to peer into the windows and see what's happening at the theater. Who ever came up with the game did a wonderful job. It is nice to see so many people walking in our community and looking at all the assets we have to offer. Whoever did the game used a picture from this past April. We checked and it is a picture that we did not publish...hmm how'd they do that?

The Strand will be the place to be this weekend. We hope to you can attend these special events. This all happens because of you. Thank you for your support. See you at the Strand!

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