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Strand Weekly Email 8/26/2016

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Dear Strand Fan,

Spyfest is here! The past 3 nights have been a blast. We forget the style of those 1960's movies. Murderer's Row was entertaining in a way we just don't see today.

Goldfinger at the Skyline Drive-In was wonderful. It was a beautiful evening for the showing. The Skyline, like the Strand, is rooted in tradition and history. Before the movie everyone gets out of their car and stands for the National Anthem. This is played each and every time the Skyline shows a film.

While Goldfinger was playing, Joey G. was busy building films for this weekend. The Skyline hosts MONSTER MOVIE FEST. This year all the films are being shown in glorious 35mm. The trailers and intermission segments are 35mm too! We forget in this digital age how different and richer the images were in 35mm film. The Strand is a digital house, so you don't get that film experience with us. Go back in time and check out the Skyline this weekend. Their movies go very late, so you can double dip with the Strand and the Skyline in the same night.

Today we continue with our SPYFEST CONCERT. This features James Band performing Bond on the Run. The music of primarily James Bond films plus some other spy film favorites. This will be the first performance that will truly use our original 1916 stage. It will sound fantastic. Immediately after the concert we will show AUSTIN POWERS: INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY. It will be a fantastic evening.

We will repeat the concert on Saturday night and follow with AUSTIN POWERS: THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME. We will also show the original trailers for Casino Royale and Goldfinger. It will be a fun evening. all for \$5 advance, \$7 door.

Sunday we welcome international singing star CHLOË AGNEW. Chloë was an original member with the Irish group Celtic Woman. She has toured the world and we are thrilled she has made the Strand a stop on her North American tour. We have visitors from near and far coming to this concert. It is a great time for our local audience to come out and experience something you don't get every day in Shelby County. Doors open at 6:30pm and the concert starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25 advance or \$30 door. We hope to see you there.

Downtown Shelby Days presented their Queen contest last Saturday. We had excellent attendance for both the afternoon Jr. Miss competition, and the evening competition. Downtown Shelby Days committee was extremely well prepared and the day was delightful. Thank you to all who came out and participated in those events.

The preparation for this week was wonderfully accomplished by many Strand volunteers. From set decorations, to lighting, to movie rights, to preparing a full rock and roll show...everyone did their part. The musicians on stage Friday and Saturday night are all Strand volunteers! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this week happen.

This week the Strand received our yearly inspection from the Department of Homeland Security. Inspector Walter Knaepple was joined by local inspector Robbie Stonebraker. They looked in every nook and cranny of the Strand. The inspection highlighted some excellent things that are easily accomplished to make the Strand safer. They also highlighted a few things, which were fine in the past, are not longer considered that way. We are anticipating a costly project ahead. Good part is we have 30 days to complete what we need! We have hired a firm to analyse our fire alarm system as per instruction from the inspectors. Based on that report we will either continue as we have in the past, or upgrade to what is necessary.

The state inspector will give us code citations for his comments. We are checking code for the local comments too. We believe strongly in learning the process, not just doing this by rote. We look forward to raising our collective understanding of fire and electrical codes so that we can continue in the safest possible manner.

We have fond memories of past inspections. Our initial inspections were done by Paul Lay who passed away this week. Paul was instrumental in guiding our group through the hurdles needed to re-open as a performing arts center. He will be

missed. We also need to mention long time state inspector Maj Jester. Maj always gave wonderful suggestions. He had great insight as he has spent a fair amount of the time in the Strand through the years.

Our pesky condensate line leaked AGAIN this week. Of course it was in the middle of a performance. Good thing we haven't fix the plaster in the women's restroom. J. R. Wortman assures us this time it is fixed. We hope the 5th time is a charm.

The stage is ready for Chloë Agnew. The band is ready for SPYFEST and the movies are queued. Now all we need is you! The Strand is a fun place... you make it that way, thank you! See you at the Strand.

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