

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Written by David on September, 9 2016

Dear Strand Fan,

Tonight is a very special concert at the Strand. Our neighbors Second Baptist Church presents a GOSPEL CONCERT in celebration of their sesquicentennial. The 150 year celebration of Second Baptist includes performances by their choir, joined by Hope's Point Church's ensembles, and Second Baptist Church of Franklin's Warrior Male Chorus. It will be an evening of inspirational music and fun. The concert is free and starts at 7:30pm.

Before the concert you will have time to visit all the food vendors for Downtown Shelby Days. What a great combination: Fair Food and Strand Entertainment! Downtown Shelby Days held their Queen Pageant at the Strand in August. We hope you will support Amy M. and her crew as they continue to do something special for our community.

RETRO BILL will be at the Strand on September 14th. This is always a great event for the kids. This is brought to us by our local D.A.R.E. program and Officer Floyd Hastings. If you haven't had a chance to experience Retro Bill with your kids, it is a good time.

Did everyone have a nice Labor Day Weekend? We did. It was nice to take a break from our hectic schedule. Our all volunteer organization is sensitive to balancing our theatre utilization without impacting our volunteers time. It is a delicate dance, but we seem to do OK. Our volunteers are the best (and always growing). If you would like to volunteer, drop Rhonda a note. Her email is on the bottom of this page.

The Shelby County Players will return to the Strand this month with an evening of One Acts. (editor's note: If you haven't experience a one act play, this is something you will want to do. The plays are short with all the action taking place in a single act. It is a great way to experience live theater!) The one acts are a result of SCP's directors workshop held earlier this year. The performances will include:

Compulsion

by John Patrick, Directed by Lisa Isaacs

Synopsis: Compulsion deals with a distraught young husband whose wife is planning to divorce him because of his over-energetic sexual demands. He persuades a long absent visiting friend to pose as a priest and talk sense to her--which works beautifully until she catches on. Whereupon she turns the tables on hubby in hilarious fashion.

A Beatle's Story

by Morley Shulman, Directed by Tyler Riley

Synopsis: This play about the Beatles is basically a conversation between John Lennon and Paul McCartney about replacing their Bass player, Stu, and who on earth they are going to get to replace him. Stu has decided to stay behind in Hamburg after their tour in Germany and get married....and he didn't like Paul taking the piss out of him all the time. A fast paced funny play by best-selling playwright Morley Shulman, with snappy lines in the style of the classic Beatles films such as 'A Hard Day's Night.'

A Mad Breakfast

by I. M. Gray, Directed by Danyel Comstock

Synopsis: A classic one-act farce from Vaudeville days, set in a boarding house. Practical jokers Mr. Jones and Miss Brown tell each of the guests that wealthy visitor Mr. Long is especially interested in their individual

hobbies. They also tell Mr. Long that the boarding house is a lunatic asylum. Hilarity ensues as chaos tops confusion, soon

causing Mr. Long to fear for his life. The madness culminates in a crazy séance. Considered by many to be one of the funniest one-acts ever written.

Ferris Wheel

by Mary Miller, Directed by Rachel Scudder

Synopsis: Funny and touching, the play is the unlikely love story of two lonely people who are forced to ride together on an old country Ferris wheel. She's afraid of heights. He's afraid to give up smoking. They are

both afraid of each other.

We have several things to accomplish before the cold weather. The top priority is to patch our roof. We replaced about ? of the roof this year, but the rest is not in the best shape. We do what we have to do to keep it tight. This year it means to buckets of roof sealer. Bob S. will lead the effort.

This week we had an accident at the Strand. A pickup truck lost control and slammed into the flower pot to the north of our marquee. The truck knocked down the handicap sign and slid against the side of the theater. It came to rest at the south end of our marquee between that flower pot and our building. Thankfully no one was hurt.

The very scary part is that happened exactly when an audience would have been leaving if we had a show. We had quite a mess to clean up. Thank you to the Shelbyville Street Department for assisting us with this. We will try to get the front of the theater repainted as quickly as possible.

We have lots of fun things. We hope to see you tonight and help Second Baptist celebrate their first 150 years! Thank you for all your support. See you at the Strand!

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