

# **Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.**

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## **Strand Weekly Email 9/30/2016**

Written by David on September, 30 2016

Dear Strand Fan,

This week the Strand welcomes back Kit Haymond and his band PRESSED IN BLACK. They will perform on Saturday October 1, 2016 at 8:00pm. This is a special concert will also bring back some Strand performers from years past with NOW AND THEN. Scott Hanneman who is in Now and Then performed at the Strand in one of our very first concerts. It will be nice to have Scott back on our stage.

The Strand faces many of the same issues and challenges of other venues and businesses. To our surprise we have found that our wireless is being used more and more. Our connection is used extensively for the production of our shows. We cannot have a load on our bandwidth. We looked at the problem and realized the password is the same as when we started. That is changing...we are tightening our procedures to insure that only Strand traffic is on our connection. While we would love to provide wireless to all our users, that is just not possible. Do you think when the Strand was built 100 years ago that the Meloy brothers could comprehend this conversation? The joys of longevity.

Our theater pipe organ project will officially start this fall. We have been patient making sure the Strand was capable of accepting the instrument. Everything is in place and we are about to begin. There are several things that we will accomplish in the short term. The first is to move the organs into our shop space. This isn't too hard, as the move is about 200 feet. The organs are currently stored in the Tippecanoe Press Building. We have leased the back of the building to use as our rebuilding shop. The organs will be moved to the back where the work can begin.

The shop space is 18' by 75'. That will be plenty of space to restore the instruments. It is well lit and has a high ceiling, all things that are crucial to the rebuilding process. We will be holding a meeting in the next few weeks to get input on our project outline document. The organ is more than just a "box of whistles" (as our friend Ken Double fondly uses as a description). The restoration will be a major process, but it is small in comparison to the long term use and marketing of the instruments and theater. We go over all those issues in our planning document. We would love to have your input.

As the organ project starts, we will have a separate email update. This will be specifically for the Strand organs. There are many across the country that have an interest in theater organs. If you would like to be included in the STRAND ORGAN EMAIL UPDATE, please reply to this email or message us on Facebook and we will put you on the list!

We are hard at work planning work for January 2017. We received excellent news this week that the Blue River Community Foundation has awarded us a \$28,000 grant for ongoing renovations. These funds will be used for access to our stage, and a short term fix to make our stage more usable.

In addition there are several projects we need to accomplish. We know one thing for sure, we need your help! This year will not be as intense as last, but will still have many fun, interesting, and dirty projects to complete. Thank you to BRCF for helping us push our project forward.

Next week we welcome Shelbyville High School Drama Department's production of I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY. This drama is by Celeste Raspanti centers around a child who survived the concentration camps in World War II. She shares her story of living in Terezin while retaining a world filled with butterflies and flowers. It is a powerful drama and we are proud to present this on the Strand's stage.

Thank you for your support. As the new year approached our Strand volunteers work hard to keep our performing arts center vibrant and a relevant destination in downtown Shelbyville. See you at the Strand!

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