

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Email March 24, 2017

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Dear Strand Fan,

Tonight come join the party. We are showing THE BIG LEBOWSKI at 7:30pm Friday March 24th. This is being hosted by the Schwann Bicycle Team. It will be fun with White Russians available from 18 on the Square. Tickets are available at the advance price at Mickey's T-Mart or online at BrownPaperTickets.com. There will be plenty of tickets at the door. We hope to see you there!

The Strand had a patron drive from Anderson, Indiana to come to our Friday Night Frights showing. We love that.

Many people from out of town came to hear Brooke Steele Saturday night. We love that too!

On Tuesday we had patrons from Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, and Illinois make the trek to Shelbyville to hear Chloë Agnew's concert. We are pleased that the Strand is attractive outside our community as much as we hope it is to everyone living here in Shelby County.

For our concert on Tuesday night we needed a certain type of piano for the artists. Thank you to local musician Jeff Sponsel for loaning the Strand his Roland G8 for the show. It sounded great on stage. Everyone had a good time at the concert. Thank you to Chloë, Dermott, Naomi, Bonnie, and Clyde for making the trip to Shelbyville.

We explained to the out of state audience that the Strand will be dark next weekend. For those of us in Indiana, we know why, but for those folks we had to explain our state's common religion? BASKETBALL. One thing we know we can't compete against...Indiana teams in the sweet 16 and hopefully the final 4.

The night of Chloë Agnew's concert was also the night of the Indiana Tornado Drill. Our volunteers reviewed our procedures. If you are curious, the safest place in the Strand during a tornado is under the balcony. The balcony is very strong and all steel and concrete. When we opened in 2008 we sought out the advice of an engineer and that was where we need to be. We are happy to participate in this critical safety drill. Did you?

This week we also held our monthly fire drill. Remember being in school and having those drills? We do them too, each and every month. We keep logs and our alarm company keeps a record too. As you know, if seated in the auditorium the nearest exit is to your right or behind you where you came in. We have to admit, it is fun getting to pull the handle on the alarm.

The performance break will be good for our volunteers even though the less that desirable things we are dealing with keep trudging along. We hope to have a resolution soon. You can read all about it in either the Shelbyville News or online with WSVX Giant 96 radio.

Over the winter one of the things that happens is our marquee gets filthy. In particular the 304 light bulbs get covered with road soot. A few weeks ago we had torrential rains. This was good for several reasons. First, we were able to check our roof leaks (that didn't go so well). Next, Mother Nature decided to volunteer for the Strand and she cleaned all 304 marquee lights. They are spotless! Thank you Mother Nature. We had another nice rain this past week. This time our newly patched roof held!!

Thank you to all the well wishes from across the country. The Strand's volunteers have some very tough decisions to make in the coming weeks. Bottom line is we are all volunteers and cannot take being bullied. Time will tell what tact we take.

After the basketball break we will start with 2 very fun events. On April 5, 2017 we will hold POETRY NIGHT in honor of National Poetry Month. This is arranged each year by Three Sisters Books and Gifts. Come out and enjoy an evening of verse. The poetry starts at 7:00pm and the event is free. Stop by Three Sisters Books for your very own 2017 Poetry at the Strand bookmark!

On April 6, 2017 the Strand welcomes DONALD DAVIDSON. Donald is the long serving historian for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. We have listened to Donald on the radio for decades. This is your chance to hear him in person, ask questions, and learn first hand that the nice fellow you hear on the radio is the same in person! The event is free and starts at 7:00pm.

On April 8, 2017 we welcome back CATRINA AND THE BAGGY BOTTOM BOYS. This will be a wonderful evening full of bluegrass music and fun. Tickets are on sale at Mickey's T-Mart, online at BrownPaperTickets.com, or at the theater. We hope to see you there for an evening of toe tapping fun!

The Strand is a safe haven. When the lights dim and the performer is on stage, everything is right in the world. We hope you come to a future event and experience this first hand with us. We are able to do this all because of you. Thank you. See you at the Strand!

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