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COMMUNITY TREASURE SERIES:

Our Living Infrastructure
Wednesday June 14, 2017
7:00pm Free

WINE WALK - 11 Wineries
Strand hosts Simmons Winery
Friday June 16, 2017
6:00pm - 10:00pm

Dear Strand Fan,

It is odd not having performances back to back to back. This is the first time since we started that we have had a performance break in June. We much rather have the theater filled with patrons! We still have a few fun things planned.

Wednesday night June 14th our COMMUNITY TREASURE SERIES will continue with a lecture by Kris Schwickrath entitled "Our Living Infrastructure." Kris's love of trees and native plants has been enhanced in recent years after completing coursework in tree stewardship, invasive plants, and master gardening. A tree steward class, sponsored by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, was the beginning of a journey to save the heritage ash trees in the City of Shelbyville.

Shelbyville is in a unique position to reshape its quality of life and aesthetics through intentional tree plantings, along with native plants and shrubs. Various publications of the DNR will be available as well as highlights about a few initiatives already in motion throughout our community. The program starts at 7:00pm and is free.

Earlier that day the Shelby County Historical Society will be hosting a meeting to get ideas and input on the future of the Society and the Grover Museum. The Strand hopes that you will be able to attend that meeting on June 14th at 1:30pm held at the Grover Museum. The SCHS is an integral part of things we do at the Strand and across the community.

Friday June 16th the Strand will be a host site for the Mainstreet Shelbyville Wine Walk. This event will bring 11 Indiana wineries to downtown. Each site will have a different winery. Tastings are included with your ticket and if you like what you taste, bottles will be available. The Strand is thrilled to be included in this year's event. We will be hosting SIMMONS WINERY. Simmons is a great member of the Shelbyville business community with their Riverfront Tap Room as well. There will be entertainment all evening from the Strand's stage. Included in the lineup will be local musician Kit Haymond. Kit has performed with his band PRESSED IN BLACK many times. We think this is the first time we will hear Kit as a solo performance. The evening will also include Cincinnati Conservatory of Music performance students Dustin Remmler - oboe and Anna Schaust - Horn. It will be an evening of fun with Simmons and the performers on stage.

The Wine Walk ticket available at the Porter Center is also a \$10 value for purchase of anything at participating merchants.

The Strand will have all our future shows for sale. Our comedy shows are only \$15 advanced price, so with the ticket you can see Heywood Banks or Costaki Economopoulos for only \$5! We look forward to seeing you on the 16th. The Strand will have the theater completely open including our air conditioned comfort throughout, 369 seats, and lobby and balcony bathrooms. It will be a great place to take a breather during your tastings.

This week we hosted three private events. The theater remained flexible for each different activity. Our volunteers worked hard to make sure that each went off smoothly. We don't do private events often, but when we do it is important to us to have everything perfect.

The end of the month we welcome KENNY JAMES and RAVE ON in a TRIBUTE TO BUDDY HOLLY. This is a fantastic show. Tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart, Skyline Drive-In, or online at BrownPaperTickets.com. The evening will start with a visit from Barney Fife with his homespun humor. Buddy Holly lived to be only 22, but left a profound mark on music. He had a distinct sound that was an influence from entertainers from the Beatles to Elton John. The concert will perform all his familiar hits. We hope to see you there!

Did you notice the bench in front of the Strand? That was a result of our lobby renovation this January. The bench was originally used for the Shelby County Arts Fest bench contest. It was purchased at auction and donated back to the Strand. The bench spent many years in the auditorium, then moved to the lobby. After the renovation we needed to find a new home for the bench. Rhonda S. suggested to put it under the marquee. It was the perfect solution. The bench gets lots of use. It is one of those things that just worked out.

Our alarm system just didn't work out this week. Our stage door sensor has been giving us fits for quite awhile. This week it thought someone was trying to tamper with it. As such it sent a signal to the alarm. We finally took the sensor off and found out that everything in the unit needed readjusted. After about the fourth try our volunteers gave up and called someone to help. It about 30 seconds he had it working perfectly. Technique is everything! We are always respectful of the physical theater and want to make sure it stays safe and secure.

We are working hard on our 2018 Season. So far there are lots of fun events scheduled. We have work to do in January 2018 but will kick things off Valentine's Day Weekend. Details are still being worked out, but things are full steam ahead for the Strand.

For you new Strand Fans, the Strand will be home to the Louisville Pipe Organ Company ?Uniphone? theatre pipe organ endowed by the Shelby County Historical Society. We have had lots of progress on the organ project. This week we had good news and unexpected news. Strand organ volunteers were in Texas to track down a rank of pipes that we still need.

A rank of pipes is a set of pipes that produces a particular sound. In this case we are on the hunt for a rank called a Post Horn (Wurlitzer called them English Post Horn) built by the firm of A. Gottfried in Erie, PA. We were informed that a set was found in Texas. We had someone offer to check it out for us. These ranks are difficult to get as time passes. These are items manufactured in the 1920's. The time arrived and the crate was there clearly marked ?Gottfried Post Horn.?

Yippee for us! Unfortunately we felt like Geraldo, when the crate was opened the pipes within were not what we were looking for. We will keep working on leads and will be successful, but patience is key.

The good news is the person looking for us had two items which we are missing. Louisville (LPO) built only 23 theater instruments. The hopes of finding a LPO manufactured xylophone are slim. We were offered a Wurlitzer xylophone and marimba, all we need to do is go to Chicago to get them. These items are being offered to the Strand project for price that is for all intents and purposes almost free! A road trip to Chicago is in our future!

We look forward to getting the theater organ project underway, but again that is a victim of our distracted time with the State Fire Marshal's office. Time is limited in an all volunteer organization, some people just don't understand that. When we are done, they will fully understand the extent of the damage they have inflicted upon our organization. We hope to have a reasonable solution soon.

We need to see you at the BUDDY HOLLY TRIBUTE CONCERT on June 24th! What a great way to spend time in Shelbyville and have a great Saturday night. You can buy your tickets at a \$10 discount on June 16th when you visit with a ticket to the Wine Walk.

Thank you for the support. The Strand is pleased to be something a little different for everyone and that is all because of you! See you at the Strand.

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