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## Strand Theatre Weekly Email ? 7/14/2017

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STRAND WORK SESSION  
SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017  
8:30am - Noon

THE KING, KILLER and the MAN IN BLACK  
SATURDAY JULY 29, 2017  
7:30pm  
\$20 Advance, \$25 Door

Dear Strand Fan,

Last Friday night the Strand met with a group about a future event. This group is called "The Bassoon Monsoon." It is a regional bassoon convention. The name was apropos, just as we were finishing the monsoon blew through downtown Shelbyville. We did not escape unscathed.

As we stood watching the fierce wind, horizontal rain and hail, we could hear the pop pop pop of our marquee bulbs being shattered. The final tally was 19. Unfortunately we only had 13 in stock, so there are some red bulbs in place until we can get more. The glass was promptly cleaned and the bulbs came out of their sockets easily. We also had a leak above our stage.

(Warning, tech talk ahead). Our marquee is comprised of 272 S14 11 watt sign bulbs. With that many we always have extras in stock. We also have enough to change our bulbs from clear to red and green. In order to ensure that we do not disturb the sockets, which are wired from behind, we always lubricate each lamp. This saves countless hours of frustration trying to get broken bulbs to turn. Each and every time we have had success in easily backing out a broken or burned out lamp. We are dedicated in this procedure. Partially because it is the right thing to do, and partially because our volunteer Bob S. says that is what we are going to do! This week that diligence paid dividends. We have 80 extra bulbs on order. Thankfully our neon survived the onslaught. On the bright side, pun intended, all the bulbs are crystal clean with the excellent bath and scrubbing they received last Friday.

The marquee was an easy fix. The new leak above the stage isn't. We have no idea where the leak came from. Here is what we do know...it wasn't from the flat part of our roof. The area above the stage is a shingled peaked roof. As such we need to find the cause quickly, hence our work session this Saturday (tomorrow) July 15, 2017.

The WORK SESSION will have a several projects. The most important is sending a crew above the stage with Bob S. to chase down the leak. We will also be getting our offices clean so we can continue renovation work. If things go well we might even paint! The final project is to replace 4 marquee fluorescent light bulbs. This is a big job, but something that is quick to accomplish. The marquee has two settings, regular and performance. During the regular dusk to dawn setting, you will notice the south front panel is dark. Those are the problem lamps that we will fix.

This week we are dark, but you are in luck! The Shelby Arts Alliance ART IN THE PARK is Saturday July 15 from 9am to 2pm. You might have noticed that on our marquee. It is a fun time filled with all sorts of activities. This is a family event and we hope you attend.

The Shelby County Players are starting their run of Midsummer Night's Dream. This youth version of the Bard's classic performs July 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23 at Allen Family Catering (formerly Occasions). Catch some live theater this week! Towards the end of the month the Shelby Arts Alliance will host MUSIC IN THE PARK at Blue River Memorial Park on Friday July 28th. That will get you in the mood for THE KING, KILLER, and the MAN IN BLACK back here at the Strand on Saturday July 29, 2017.

This show will feature music from the iconic Sun Records recording artists. It includes Brad McCrady as Elvis, Terry Lee as Jerry Lee Lewis, and Ralph Curtis as Johnny Cash. Ralph performs the ultimate tribute to Johnny Cash, performing

Johnny's music as close to the original recordings as possible. This is Ralph's way to pay respect to Johnny and his music. Ralph Curtis is a very experienced CMA artist and we are sure you will like him. The show will be a powerhouse of music. Tickets are still available. You can get your tickets Mickey's T-Mart, the Skyline Drive-in, or online at BrownPaperTickets.com. This will be a weekend full of live music in Shelbyville, we hope you attend one or hopefully both events!

On Friday we welcomed the Shelbyville Parks Department summer camp for RED CARPET DAY. This included 98 campers, 12 counselors, and various people in the audience. This is a chance for the kids to perform on the Strand's stage. We had music, dancing, comedy, ventriloquist, and a little mayhem too! We had a great time and we hope the kids enjoyed their time on our stage.

This week we worked on future plans. Remember Dinner and a Movie? We are considering bringing that back into our schedule. We will work with all our restaurants for participation. This week the Strand's volunteers met with Kathy from Fiddler's Three. We are both excited about bringing back this event. (Editor's Note: Our volunteer asked Kathy about the For Sale sign in front of the property. That has nothing to do with Fiddler's Three. They have been here for decades and intend to stay here for decades to come! All events are fine at Maxim's too)

Cagney's bailed the Strand out again. We ran out of straws, or at least we think we ran out. Either way they gave us enough to do our show. Thank you Scott and the crew at Cagney's.

We have another legal round this week with the Department of Homeland Security and the State Fire Marshal. Our attorney is preparing what we need. It is a waste of time and we are tired of being bullied by Jim Greeson and his staff. They are certainly picking on the Strand, all this to cover the fact they made a mistake. Shameful. We are equally dismayed at the amount of our dollars being spent by their department on this frivolous pursuit. DHS must have unlimited funds if Jim Greeson feels it is an expenditure worth making. We have kept track of the various visits, inspections, legal meetings, and interactions. Everyone from Chief Greeson, Inspector Knaepple, and Code Enforcement Chief Dave Smith have made the trip here. Many others from the executive branch of DHS have visited as well. We will leave it up to you to decide whether Jim Greeson is doing a good job or not. We certainly have our opinions!

We hope to see you at our work session. We have to find that leak! As always the Strand exists because of you, Thank You!! See you at the Strand!

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