

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre Weekly Newsletter: December 29, 2017

Written by David on December, 29 2017

Dear Strand Fan,

It is hard to believe this is the last Strand Weekly Email for 2017. We have had fun this year (and a little bit of heartache too). This past weekend was a fantastic way to close our season.

On Saturday night we hosted the reunion concert for FENNS STATION. While some of the members have changed, their fans show up and were treated to an outstanding performance. It was fun to hear Nick and the crew perform together again.

The evening started with BLUE RIDGE BANNED. This was their debut performance on the Strand's stage. They did as well as any first time performers, it was great music played with enthusiasm. We look forward to having them back.

On Sunday we hosted the First Christian Church for their Christmas Eve Services. Services were at 10:00am and 6:30pm. Rev. Bill Horner told those who attended this was not the first time that FCC held services at the Strand. The last time their church was under renovation in 1967 they used the Strand too. We look forward to welcoming back FCC in 2067!

Generational memories. The Strand is all about the long term. We just finished our 101st year. If you grew up in Shelby County in 1920 there are not many things today that are the same. We love our long term local businesses, local attractions, and flavor.

We finished our performance and financial year. We have something that we didn't think about. This year our little donation drum by the lobby door surpassed \$10,000 in donations! The drum was placed there by a friend of the Strand when we first opened. He said "you will be surprised what people drop into this drum." He was right! Small but steady donations add up over time.

We had a church member ask this weekend how to donate. Although we don't solicit, we still gladly and humbly accept donations. Donations can be made to:

Strand Theatre Fund
? Blue River Community Foundation
54 West Broadway Street Ste 1
Shelbyville, IN 46176

As we wind down our performance year, we gear up for our January work sessions. Until then it is time to look back and reflect. The Strand started in October 2006 with three members of our community invested \$150 each to start this "performing arts center." We have grown from zero to consistently over 100 performance per year. We gave welcomed over 100,000 patrons. Although our empty theater has grown, we're not done yet! What we do now is a small part of what the future holds for the Strand.

This is all because of you. Thank you for attending our performances. Thank you for your financial support. Thank you for your rooting for us, and most importantly thank you for being a positive part of the quality of life in Shelbyville and Shelby County. Until our first performance on February 6, 2018...see you at the Strand!

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