

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Newsletter: 3/9/2018

Written by David on March, 9 2018

Dear Strand Fan,

The Strand started our lecture series on the US CONSTITUTION this week. We had nice attendance to experience this collegiate caliber lecture. After the presentation Strand volunteer Steve F. led a round table discussion of the topics presented. We are looking forward to the continuation of this series Tuesdays in March. All lectures start at 7pm and the event is free.

We had a great time at the Shelby County Players' production of Murder Inn. This play was fun and we appreciate everyone who came out to support live entertainment in our community. The players loaded out on Sunday and the Strand is back to completing our renovation tasks for this year. As such we are having a work session on Saturday March 10 (tomorrow!) from 9am - 1pm. The majority of the work will be painting. We can use your help!

If you attended Murder Inn you noticed that the scenery incorporated the brick wall. Their set looked great and worked well with our schedule.

This week we accomplished a major improvement. On Wednesday Beck Studios of Cincinnati installed our new traveler curtain that is directly in front of our stage's back wall. This will hide the brick. This new black curtain will give our stage a more professional look and allow greater flexibility for our performers. This will also improve the sound when the grand drape is open. The crew from Beck's was joined by Strand volunteers Bill W., Bob S., and David F. Together the job went smoothly and that project is now off our to do list!

The music and stories of John Prine will be onstage on Saturday March 17th with PURE PRINE. Singer, actor, and storyteller Tim Grimm will present Prine's music along with 6 other talented musicians. For those not familiar with John Prine, he is a 71 year old singer songwriter from Maywood, Illinois. Widely cited as one of the most influential songwriters of his generation, Prine is known for humorous lyrics about love, life, and current events, as well as serious songs with social commentary, or which recollect melancholy tales from his life. We hope you can attend this special performance. We will have a bar provided by Pasghetti's and The Fly. Tickets are on sale at Mickey's T-Mart (cash or check only) or online at BrownPaperTickets.com (credit card only).

We noticed our ice machine was not making "quality ice". A check of the records showed that we were due for our cleaning & maintenance. Bill W. and Bob S. accomplished that task. We are good now and will continue to have quality ice. We also changed furnace filters. This is a once a year job. The eight new furnaces have high efficiency media filters, and we have found that they can very safely go one year between changes. That's quite different from the old units, which required changing every 3 months. The old main unit for the theater required nine filters, just for that one unit! Huge difference the new technology makes.

We also noticed that our Kirby vacuum cleaner wasn't doing its job. Inspection revealed a worn-out roller brush, which meant a road trip to obtain a replacement, plus some extra bags and belts. While there, we also picked up some of the automatic spray mist air freshener for the men's room. We are fortunate to find a dealer that stocks the Kirby parts. Also, the men's room will smell better! Kirby parts aren't cheap, but you get the "Cadillac" of cleaners to do the job, and you definitely get your money's worth.

This week we met the new executive director of the Shelby Arts Alliance. She got the quick tour of the theater and heard about our past. The most important thing we shared is our vision through our core values of Quality of Life, Community Self Esteem, Economic Development, and Artistic Freedom. Our financial model is unusual and our success is humbling. We look forward to her help with all the art groups in Shelby County.

You will notice the road work in front of the Strand. IT IS STILL OK DROP OFF AT OUR FRONT DOOR. If there are spaces available (excluding our loading zone) those are OK to use in the evening too. This week they started installing new storm sewers. This will be a huge improvement, as we always have standing water at the curb. So far so good. The

communication is good and the workers are polite and helpful. It will be a nice improvement when done.

We have lots of fun events. We always appreciate your support, thank you! See you at the Strand.

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