

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Newsletter: 3/16/2018

Written by David on March, 16 2018

Dear Strand Fan,
We survived the Ides, did you? We celebrated Pi Day too (at the Waldron Restaurant).

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE ON STAGE:
PURE PRINE - The Music of John Prine
MARCH 17, 2018
7:30pm \$20 Advance, \$25 Door

Saturday night we welcome Tim Grimm with PURE PRINE. This features music of American songwriter John Prine. This concert was featured this week on the stage of the Phoenix Theatre in Indianapolis. We are proud to bring this outstanding group of musicians to the Strand. We hope you will help support us by attending this very special event.

On Tuesday we held the second US CONSTITUTION LECTURE, and our first Community Treasure Series (CTS) was on Wednesday.

The Constitution lecture was again filled with interested people that had an engaging conversation. These lectures can be heard as stand alone lectures, so come on out on Tuesday night and exercise your brain. Our country is an amazing place to live, and the documents that founded our form of government are fascinating.

The CTS Lecture was presented by Ami Carter from ADVANTAGE SHELBY COUNTY. There are many things that have been done in our community for lasting impact. We feel the Strand is one of the most important. Listening to the presentation on Advantage Shelby County, we felt proud to live in Shelby County. It is a wonderful program where ALL graduating high school seniors in Shelby County get their first 2 years of college education FREE! The only thing it takes to qualify is to complete the simple application on time, graduate from one of our 5 high schools, and maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Wow, you can't get much simpler than that. Ami took everyone through the evolution of the program and its ongoing success. If you know a high school senior, make sure they sign up for the Advantage Shelby County Scholarship. Ami explained that even if they have plans to attend a 4 year institution, things change, why not have a back-up plan?

Work is continuing on our theater. We have another work session this Saturday:

WORK SESSION
SATURDAY MARCH 17, 2018
9AM - 1PM

Painting is still on the agenda. We could use your help. There are several other projects we might do depending on the number of people that volunteer. Bob S. has that all planned out!

The new curtain will be used for the first time on Saturday night. That part of the original stage will be lit by our newly mounted lights. These are lights that have been used from time to time, but due to the difficulty in setup and programming, they were rarely used. These instruments now have a permanent home around the upstage side of our proscenium. They will provide that splash of color that we need. Strand DMX guru Cody V. finished this very involved project this week.

If you haven't been in our lobby yet this year, our old white board that had the hand lettered show information is gone. We now have an electronic message center. It is taking us a bit of time to completely figure out all the bugs, but we think we have it. This displays our current show event, upcoming events, and scrolls through our active show posters. It is a big improvement in looks, and a huge improvement in volunteer efficiency!

We understand we are an all volunteer organization. As such, we need to do things that make sense from that standpoint. One of the things we have done is stay with an analog sound board. While a new digital board would be nice, the on-the-fly

adjustments during a show are much easier on an analog board. (warning, tech talk ahead) We will transition to a digital auxiliary board when we can afford it. This will allow us to send a signal to ?in ear? digital monitors. Many musicians now perform with these, and we need to be able to accommodate this need.

We have another major upgrade planned for the same ease of use and reliability purposes. Our current ?panic? light system is manually activated at the light board. In case of an emergency all the lights are brought to full. Beck Studios in Cincinnati designed a passive system for the Strand. With this system, when the fire alarm is activated, auditorium mounted flood lights automatically come on. This is fully automatic! This is something we cannot afford at this time, but are planning for the future. (In case you are curious, the cost is \$2000). This will be a major improvement in the smooth functioning of the Strand during all circumstances.

PURE PRINE tomorrow night. We hope you will be able to join us. As always everything we do is because of you, thank you! See you at the Strand.

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