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Strand Weekly Newsletter: 3/23/2018

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STRAND WORK SESSION
SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018
9AM - 1PM

We need strong volunteers! It is moving day (painting too)

Dear Strand Fan,

Wow! Last Saturday the Phoenix Theatre presented PURE PRINE. It was an outstanding performance. The music of John Prine was tied together with a story told by the lyrics. Thank you to everyone who attended this special event.

Monday night we welcomed the St. Joe. School for their play. The St. Joe Show chronicled 150 years of the church in Shelbyville. It was our first sell out of the year. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up on a Monday night to make a wonderful performance experience for the St. Joe students. It was a perfect evening. Our Constitution lecture spawned spirited debate lead by Steve Frazee. One of the points was the intent and history behind the 17th Amendment. The 17th amendment came about during the early part of the 20th Century. At the time leading up to the amendment, there was a great deal of corruption in the methods through which many, but not all states elected their senators. Until that point, senators were elected by the various state legislatures. Because of corruption, William Jennings Bryan and William Randolph Hearst frenzied the population into proposing an amendment to remove this process and to put it in the hands of the voters. The amendment was originally proposed by Congress in 1912 and ratified by the states after 388 days in 1913. We'll see where next week takes us!

The final lecture in the Series is Tuesday March 27, 2018. It will start at 7pm and is free. The discussion after the lecture will be lead by Trent Meltzer.

On Wednesday March 28th the Liberty United Methodist Church choir will be joined by the Blue River Community Choir for an EASTER CANTATA and CONCERT. This is a free event and is open to the public. Come experience these talented local singers in the spirit of the season.

Friday Night Frights is back on Friday (imagine that?) with the 1972 classic THE GRAVE OF THE VAMPIRES. This is a throwback event that takes the Strand back to the days when these movies were shown as first released. The movie starts at 7:30pm and is \$5.

Work continues on the Strand. We are fortunate to be able to continue so many projects during our performance season.

Several small detail oriented projects were completed this week. Bob S. led the charge installing the closet door in the new north office. This closet hides a vent pipe and was built during this renovation. The panel door was trimmed to match the rest of the woodwork. It looks like it has been there for 80 years!

Next on the agenda was the stage manager's platform in the projection booth. There is a large opening in the projection booth. In order to see out onto the stage, the level of the floor had to be raised. We now have a perfect height platform for the chairs. There will be a counter, computer, and dim task lighting at that location. The most important item (two USB ports) is already installed! We wouldn't want to loose power to our phones, would we?

The projection booth was built as a fireproof room. In the days of carbon arc projector lamps, the heat was tremendous.

As such there were roof vents and an exhaust fan. The roof vents have long been removed, but the exhaust fan is still there. This fan vents to the stairway leading up to the booth. Quite a while ago when we upgraded the electricity in the booth, we installed a new switch and outlet for the fan. It was an old ratty thing. Bob took it back to his shop this week. Guess what? It isn't ratty any more. It looks like it is brand new. Bob did some research and according the the serial number on the motor, that version was installed in 1967. That makes perfect sense, as that is the year the lobby was installed and renovated. The clean fan runs smooth and quietly. While no longer needed for ventilation (the booth has AC) it is a reminder for the past, and one more neat treasure we are leaving for future generations.

The final "to do list" project this week was to repair the front of the stage. We no longer have our main speakers under the stage, hence there is no reason for the grills installed in the front panels. We removed the panels and installed new solid units. We rebuilt the center panel to conform to one of our two sub-woofers that is installed there. Under the stage was dirty! It is now clean. While things were open we checked all the bolts that hold the stage together. Everything was in tip-top shape. When you look at the stage you will think "something is different"? Now you know the speaker grills are no more, changing the look.

We always have a great time. This is all because of you, Thank You! See you at the Strand.

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