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Strand Weekly Newsletter: 4/13/2018

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WORK SESSIONS Saturday April 14, 2018

9am - 1pm

We could use the help!

Dear Strand Fan ,

We were knocked over by talent this week. Damian McGinty was more than we could have hoped. Damian is still a member of Celtic Thunder. He is doing his solo tour during the Thunder's break. He has a full schedule and the Strand is one of two dozen performances. He will be as far north as Calgary Alberta and south to Florida. East to Connecticut and west to Seattle. That is a tour!

Damian was joined by two talented musicians. David Bakey opened the show playing his custom McPherson guitar. His album is currently #10 on the Billboard New Age Charts. He set the tone of the evening, he was fabulous. Damian is a baritone. His deep rich voice filled the Strand with music ranging from traditional to pop. His rapport with his fans explained why we had people from 6 states attend. We were thrilled to host an international talent. From Celtic Thunder to Glee, Damian's career is on the right track.

On Wednesday night we hosted the Shelbyville News for our Community Treasure Series. John Walker and Rhonda Schwegman presented. John gave a history of local papers and how they evolved. It was interesting that at one time in the 19th century it would be common for small towns to have as many as 5 or 6 papers. John brought archived copies of the Shelbyville Democrat, precursor to the Shelbyville News. The copies were from the early 20th century. He pointed out that it was normal for the newspapers of the day to have sensational headlines. On June 1, 1909 the Democrat was sold. We looked at papers from May with those headlines, and then papers from June. The new owners focused on the news and the headlines were gone. Fascinating! Rhonda spoke of how advertising brings value to the readership and how a small town paper facilitates business success. We had a small but engaged audience. One patron brought several very old papers Here is the front page article from the Campaigning Lancel Volume 1, Number 1:

Dateline July 22, 1854

PROSPECTS FOR THE CAMPAIGNING LANCET

?At this crisis the people of Shelby Co. demand a thorough & candid discussion of the vital questions involved in the Party issues of the day.?

Sound familiar? That could have been written yesterday, but instead it was written 164 years ago! That is consistency. Thank you to the Shelbyville News for presenting at our Community Treasure Series.

Tonight we have Friday Night Frights. If you suffer from triskaidekaphobia we are still the place to be. The Strand is safe and the movie is scary. We will show the 1973 classic Invasion of the Bee Girls. The movie starts at 7:30pm. Admission is \$5.

Work continues. Our newly wall mounted main speakers are making it much easier to produce shows. Damian McGinty had several sound requirements. (warning, tech talk ahead). When our system was designed by Strand board member Ron B., he gave us a system that could be easily configured for a multitude of uses. On Tuesday we had to use several monitors with different feeds, multiple microphones, and DI boxes (stereo) for a the vast array of guitar and keyboard effect. The piano for the evening was a Roland G8 generously loaned by local musician Jeff Sponsel. That piano was joined by other keyboards, computers, and effect units. For the first time we had a request for something that made us scratch our heads. Even though the Strand is an acoustically ?live? auditorium, the headliner wanted reverberation in his vocal mix.

Joey G. and Gordon H. doing the sound knew it might be possible, since we never had the request, were at a loss on how to accomplish it. A quick call to Ron B. who was working in Minnesota at the time, proved fruitful. Ron said ?we prepared for that? and proceeded to walk us through how to put the reverberation onto that vocal track. That is thinking ahead! We are

fortunate to have talented and knowledgeable volunteers that keep our facility at a professional level. The mental fireworks didn't end with Ron. Cody V., our network guru, did some additional setup on our new ticket booth PC. During the evening he gave us a sheet of paper that had typed "THE STRAND CAN NOW PRINT." Lo and behold we now have a network printer available. The ability to do data work for the Strand during shows is tremendous. Thank you Cody.

We are working on the projection booth. This is the location of all our network infrastructure (in the old film safe) and will also have the Stage Managers work area. The platform is built for the stage manager. The carpet, courtesy of Ray and Cindy at Shelbyville Paint Floors and More is laid. Now we need a counter. Bob S. noticed that our neighbors Mach1PC has some visible through the window. A quick inquiry to Scott Polston, and they donated the counter for that area! Thank you Scott and Mach1PC. They are great neighbors. If you come to the work session on Saturday, Bob will need help installing that counter. Slowly but surely our offices are nearing completion.

We have a wonderful week ahead. DONALD DAVIDSON will be speaking on Wednesday, DISH IT OUT on Friday, and CATRINA and the BAGGY BOTTOM BOYS on Saturday. It is sure to be fun. Thank you for all your support. We hope you enjoy the Strand as much as we do. See you at the Strand.

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