

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Newsletter: 4/20/2018

Written by David on April, 20 2018

Dear Strand Fan,

We continued with several projects at our work session this week. Finishing our offices is becoming critical to the health of our organization. We are too large and have too many wonderful things we bring to the community to be working out of banker's boxes. We have a permanent home, we just have to get it ready. Like any project the closer you get to the end of that project, the harder it is. This is true for the Strand offices. We are working hard to get to the point where they will be beneficial to our organization and hence the community. Thank you to the dozens of people who have helped. We still have that last mile to finish, we hope to see you working with us too!

Friday Night Frights is an odd little film series. About 10% of the Strand's yearly programming is film. The series is an homage to the B-movies that were shown in the past life of the Strand. While passe to some, to others this series is heaven, as the patron gets to see these classics in a theater, sitting in the balcony eating popcorn just like the the 50s 60s and 70s. This month we had patrons travel from eastern Kentucky to see Invasion of the Killer Bees. As everyone knows, we have a vast variety of programming. This was the second event in a week to attract out of state patrons to Shelbyville and Shelby County to the Strand!

Road Work Update: State Road 9 directly in front of the Strand is going through a major rebuild. The project will impact the Strand. So far the travel lane next to the theater is blocked off. This is a good thing for us. We can park and not have anyone in the adjacent lane zip by us. While it is nice for the time being, it will not be so in the future.

The curbs in front of the Strand will be replaced soon. When this happens, there will be no access from the street to the sidewalk. The Strand is working with INDOT and the contractor to find a time when we have no events to do the work.

The sidewalk is being replaced and we are coordinating that work with our schedule too. Hopefully we will have our safety bollards installed in front of the theater. There have been two instances in the past where a vehicle has traveled onto our sidewalk. We just cannot take that chance. Since Harrison Street is a state road, we have to follow all those rules. What seems simple is sometimes, as in this case, very complex.

Everyone is invited - free of charge - to the Strand on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28 at 7:30 pm for a very different and exciting evening of nostalgia and laughter. Shelby County Players and SCUFFY are presenting a live performance of the 1951 Lux Radio broadcast, All About Eve.

The radio show is based on the classic film All About Eve, a humorous yet chilling look behind the curtain of the Broadway stage. The movie was nominated for 14 Oscars, winning Best Picture and Best Screenplay in 1950. The screenplay was expertly adapted for radio without losing its dramatic flair, suspenseful plot turns, or witty dialogue. Subsequently, it became one of the top rated radio shows of all time.

Directed by Triton High School teacher and drama coach, Jeff Wilson, this is a joint venture between Shelby County Players and SCUFFY. The SCP Artistic Team and Board of Trustees will channel famous actors such as Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, Celeste Holm, Gary Merrill, George Sanders, Hugh Marlowe, Thelma Ritter, and Marilyn Monroe.

SCUFFY personalities, Angie Davies and Dave Fisher (costumed as the man with a big heart), will sing some original SCUFFY radio commercials.

Tickets are free but required. To reserve tickets call 317-392-6844 or go to tickets@shelbycountyplayers.com, You can also pick up tickets at the Strand box office or the SCUFFY office at 126 N Harrison Street, Shelbyville.

Three Sisters Books and Gifts presents an evening of POETRY on Monday April 30, 2018. Our local poets will be joined by the Reservoir Dogwoods. The RESERVOIR DOGWOODS is a spoken word trio that has been bringing a unique style of collaborative live performance to classrooms, theatres, street fairs, bars, and butcher shops since 2008. With a saucy blend of humor, drama, street smarts, literary acumen, homespun wisdom, worldly events, personal catharsis, and bawdy pokes

at the human condition, the Dogwoods bring enthusiasm and poignancy to every performance. Each has an established individual style ? together they are an amplified juggernaut of poetic expression. The event starts at 7pm and is free. Come celebrate National Poetry Month at the Strand.

Our Festival Film Series continues on May 1st. Little Miss Innocence aka Teenage Innocence is a 1973 film directed by Chris Warfield. The story this movie tells was remade in another 1977 movie called Death Game. Most recently the same story was told in the Eli Roth film Knock Knock starring Keanu Reeves.

The film was Chris Warfield's directorial debut. He was originally a contract player at MGM in the studio system's twilight years and amassed an impressive roster of '60s TV credits on shows like Perry Mason and My Three Sons. Little Miss Innocence serves as a correction for the rampant misogyny of the day. Many find Little Miss Innocence an extremely well written and directed film. Perhaps too salty and cynical for most tastes when it was initially released, it is a forgotten gem and is presented as part of our Festival film series. Mature audiences only.

Dr. Rock and the Rollers performs on May 12th at the Strand. This concert was originally scheduled in November, but we had a power outage that caused us to cancel that show. If you have tickets for that performance they are still good! Dr. Rock and The Rollers is a ?Rock and Roll Revival Show Band.? They have played all over the state of Indiana. They specialize in the ?Good Time Rock N Roll Music of the Fifties and Sixties.? Many of the band members grew up in the fifties and sixties and have lived the music they play. The band consists of seven members and besides vocals, they feature the sounds of guitars, bass, keyboards, sax, flugelhorn, and percussion. They also feature the "Doo Wop Girls" who do back-up vocals. Put on your blue suede shoes and come hear some of your favorites from the golden rock and roll era of the fifties and sixties on May 12th!

As you know the Strand has no secrets. This week we did a little statistical analysis. Here is where we are to date. Since we opened in January 2008 the Strand has hosted 1156 events (1157 is tonight!). Our total audience since opening is 110,292. We always like to remember the vast majority of our patrons traveled to downtown Shelbyville at night. We also keep track of sell-out performances. So far we have sold-out 32 times since we opened. Now you know.

This week we also heard from Ralph Curtis who will be performing his Glen Campbell Tribute on June 9th:

I am so excited about coming to see you once again on June 9th to perform a tribute to Glen Campbell. My band and I will perform Glen's greatest hits such as; Wichita Lineman, By The Time I Get to Phoenix, Gentle On My Mind, Dreams of the Everyday Housewife and many more... As in most of my shows, I will also be performing impersonations of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Buck Owens, Merle Haggard, Conway Twitty and other country greats during a special segment of the show. As a member of the Country Music Association my goal is to preserve classic country music. If you are a classic country music fan you will not want to miss this show. Thank you for your support of the Strand and the wonderful staff. I hope to see you June 9th.

Sincerely, Ralph Curtis

The Strand is a busy place. Thank you for your interest and support. See you at the Strand!

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