

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Weekly Newsletter: 5/18/2018

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Dear Strand Fan,

Dr. Rock rolled at the Strand last Saturday night! The band had the place jumpin'?. Thank you to all who supported the Strand by attending. We know you had a good time! The good time continues this Saturday night. We welcome COLTON CHAPMAN who making his Strand Theatre debut. Colton has his album release party and concert starting at 7:30pm. He is a country music musician and we look forward to his performance. Tickets are still available.

TRAFFIC ALERT: Next week the contractor for the State Road 9 project will be working in front of the Strand. We will have limited street access for a few days. This has been planned. Starting May 21st we are dark through June 2nd with the exception of Friday Night Frights. This will give the contractors the time needed to do the work without having to worry about us. The improvements will be worth it.

We have 7 HVAC units. Any unit can fail and we have others to cover...except one. As luck would have it that is the one that failed. This is the unit that cools the lobby and the offices. We could tell, it was HOT. JR Wortman & Co. paid a visit to the Strand this week. This is the same unit that was totally replaced 6 months after installation. This time it was a leaky fitting. A few hours later and the lobby was cool.

Our summer concert series continues with ERIC SOMMER on June 2nd. Singer/songwriter Eric Sommer is an unbelievable intersection of improbable influences and experiences channeled into an amazingly diverse catalog and a re?umé that reads more like a musical travel & adventure novel than a series of career bullet points.

Sommer emerged from the Boston music scene in the 70s with a vengeance, a Folk guitarist with a percussive, open-tuning style adapted from the likes of David Bromberg, Steve Howe, Townes Van Zandt and Brit Folk legend Davy Graham. But Boston was also a hotbed of New Wave, Power Pop and Punk at that point, and Sommer absorbed those influences as well, creating a Byrdsian jangle sound that earned him opening slots for national acts and regular bookings at the Paradise Theatre. We hope you can attend.

The Shelby County Players will be presenting RADIUM GIRLS in July. Auditions will be June 4th & 5th at SCP Offstage. In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage?until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire. Written with warmth and humor, Radium Girls is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece. 9 to 10 actors, who play more than 30 parts. We are looking forward to the production.

Strand Fun Fact: Did you know the Strand was built in 1916? You most likely knew that since it is on our logo, however did you know the Strand started as two buildings? The stage portion of the Strand is actually the old livery stable built in 1845. If you look on Broadway Street, you will see Adams Glass is the same building as the Strand. In 1916 they divided the building and knocked a hole through the side. This hole is what allows the audience to see the stage. If you notice closely, you will find there is an 18? offset on the left side of the auditorium. This hides the steel beam installed to support the weight. As such, our stage is not centered on the auditorium. Now you know!

Thank you for your support. This is a 5 event week. We had over 200 attend last night's SMS Jazz Concert. It has been fun, and that is all because of you. Thank you for the support. See you at the Strand!

SUMMER CONCERT
SERIES

Dr. Rock & the Rollers
May 12

Tribute to Glen Campbell
June 9

Buddy Holly Tribute
with Kenny James
(and Barney Fife!)
June 23

King, Killer, and the
Man in Black
August 11

Fun 4
Beatles Concert
August 18

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