



NOVEMBER 2020

THE STRAND THEATRE

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH PERFORMANCE

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Nutcracker *presented by Oglebay Institute and performed by Oglebay Institute's Youth Ballet Company, December 12 (2pm) & 13(2pm and 7pm), \$10, (cash only at the door)*

Movies at the Strand: The Polar Express *December 19, 7pm, children (4 & under) free, students (5-17) \$3, Adults (18 & up) \$5*

NEW RULES FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

The coronavirus pandemic has created many challenges for arts programming across the country. Though many people are sharing those struggles, others are looking for ways that they can help. Did you know that there are new 2020 tax laws that can help you maximize tax breaks for yourself and the benefits for your charity of choice? With no requirement to itemize, you may be able to deduct up to \$300 in charitable donations this year. Please check with your tax professional for further guidance and consider a making a charitable donation to the Strand Theatre Preservation Society. Questions? Email Joan jpalmer01@comcast.net

ENJOY COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE

The Strand Theatre has launched its annual sale of Enjoy Coupon Books now through December 31. The books include a variety of coupons for popular eateries and other establishments in the Ohio Valley. The cost is \$40 each and can be purchased at Frame and Fortunes, Our Place for Family Hair Care, or Moundsville Pharmacy. Pay with cash or check (payable to STPS). Books can be purchased online (coupon code **OV412** at checkout). Call Susan at Frame & Fortunes 304.845.8900 for more information.

ALL ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS—*sponsored by Moundsville Pharmacy*

The Strand Theatre is pleased to offer one showing of the beloved Christmas movie, The Polar Express, on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00pm. The film tells the story of a young boy embarking on a magical adventure to the North Pole. On his journey, he learns about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas. Doors open at 6:30. Admission: adults (18 and older) \$5, students (age 5-17) \$3 and children (4 and under) free. Tickets are required for every person in attendance (including children 4 and under) so that we can keep an accurate count of those in attendance. Get your tickets in advance at Frame and Fortunes or online. Due to limited capacity, ticket sales will be limited to meet social distancing requirements. Children who attend in their pajamas will receive a complimentary cup of hot chocolate.

OI PRODUCTION OF “THE NUTCRACKER BALLET” —*sponsored in part by Gold, Khourey & Turak*

Dancing flowers! Flurries of snowflakes! Beautiful fairies and a legion of mice! See them all swoop and soar across the Strand Theatre's stage as Oglebay Institute's Youth Ballet Company dances the holiday favorite “The Nutcracker” on December 12 and 13. Beautifully costumed dancers bring this magical story to life, transporting viewers into a Christmas fantasy.

For many, attending a performance of “The Nutcracker” is a treasured holiday tradition. We are thrilled to offer this classic as a token of appreciation to our 2020 Friends of the Strand. Please watch your mail for a letter explaining how you can secure your FOTS reserved tickets. Thank you in advance to our FOTS for your timely response to the mailing.

Advance tickets offered to the public will be available online and at Frame and Fortunes soon. Please watch our Facebook page and website for more information regarding ticket availability. We hope that you will gather your family and join us for this unforgettable holiday journey. “The Nutcracker” is a part of Oglebay Institute's Children's Theatre Season, which brings classic stories from the page to the stage through theatre and dance.