



## UPCOMING EVENTS

DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE  
BLUEGRASS CONCERT  
RAISE THE ARENA BENEFIT  
MARCH 7 @ 7PM

MACC BOOK CLUB  
MARCH 9 @ 6:30PM

WHEELING WINDS CONCERT  
MARCH 22 @ 3PM  
FREE ADMISSION

A GRAND NIGHT  
FOR SINGING  
APRIL 10 @ 7PM  
APRIL 11 @ 2PM

STRAND'S GOT TALENT  
AUDITIONS  
DIGITAL AUDITIONS DUE VIA  
STRAND WEBSITE APRIL 13  
OR  
LIVE AUDITIONS AT THEATRE  
APRIL 21 @ 6-7PM

DONATION DROP-OFF FOR  
SPRING INDOOR YARD SALE  
APRIL 25, 9AM-12PM  
AND APRIL 27-30  
9AM-5PM @ THE THEATRE

SPRING INDOOR YARD SALE  
MAY 2 8AM-NOON  
CLEARANCE SALE 12:30-2

## *A Grand Night for Singing*



The Strand Theatre Preservation Society is thrilled to welcome LIVE theater to Moundsville with its musical production of *A Grand Night for Singing*! The show runs Friday, April 10, at 7pm, and Saturday, April 11, at 2pm.

Taste and imagination, the two key ingredients for a first-rate revue, abound in this fresh take on the Rodgers & Hammerstein canon, conceived by Tony Award winner Walter Bobbie. Over three decades after the duo's final collaboration, *The Sound of Music*, took Broadway by storm, this new R&H musical opened the 1994 Broadway season with flair and distinction, garnering wildly enthusiastic notices and earning two Tony nominations, including Best Musical.

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein may never have imagined "Shall We Dance?" as a comic pas de deux for a towering beauty and her diminutive admirer, nor might they have suspected that one day a lovelorn young lad might pose the musical question, "How do you solve a problem like Maria?" But that's precisely the kind of invention lavished upon this new revue, with innovative musical arrangements, including a sultry Andrews Sisters-esque "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," a swingin' "Honeybun" worthy of the Modernaires, and a jazzy "Kansas City," proving how terrifically up-to-date the remarkable songs of R&H remain.

The cast and crew consist of artists from across the Ohio Valley. Cast members include Rose Cunningham, Jeremy Doolin, Chelsey Keding, Peter Lim, Wendy Putzulu, Emily Smith, Shanan Stout, and Michael Wylie. The production is directed by Cassie Majetich with musical direction by Michael Murphy and technical direction by Meta Lasch. Musicians include Josh Garrett, Leslie Garrett, Joan Palmer, Alex Talkowski, and Molly Williams. Sound and light design will be provided by Sean Geery and Sav Nelson.

Tickets for *A Grand Night for Singing* go on sale March 1, at Frame & Fortunes on Jefferson Avenue in Moundsville and online at [www.strandtheatreww.com/events](http://www.strandtheatreww.com/events). Adult tickets are \$20 and student tickets are \$15. All patrons, regardless of age, must purchase a ticket.

The production is supported by the Karl & Mildred Niekamp Charitable Foundation. *A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)

# **SPRING YARD SALE PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!**

Would you like to share gently used items to benefit the Strand? We are accepting used household donations at the theatre on Saturday, April 25 from 9am-12pm and from 9am-5pm daily beginning Monday, April 27 thru Thursday, April 30. Though we appreciate all of your donations, we cannot accept clothing and shoes. Mark your calendar and plan to come find your treasures and shop at our yard sale on Saturday, May 2 from 8am-12pm. We will close for thirty minutes, then re-open from 12:30-2pm for a clearance sale with 50% off individual items or fill a box for \$5. If you have questions about this event, please call Becky at 304.281.0647.

# **STRAND'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS**

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Plans for the annual Strand's Got Talent competition are underway! In the style of America's Got Talent, several different acts (chosen from a screened audition process) will perform for a panel of three qualified judges during a live performance on Friday, May 15.

Those interested in performing will audition for a spot in the show. All acts are welcome—singing, dancing, standup comedy,—whatever you want to share with the world! Each act should not exceed five minutes. Following auditions, we will choose up to ten acts to perform in the show. Auditions for the show will be held on Tuesday, April 21 from 6:00-7:00pm at the Strand Theatre. You may also submit your audition digitally. The deadline for video submissions is Monday, April 13 at 11:59pm. Visit [www.strandtheatrewv.com/sgt](http://www.strandtheatrewv.com/sgt) to submit video auditions.

Those selected will perform for the show on May 15 at 7:00pm. Every performer will perform once, and from there our three judges will determine the top three. Those three performers will present a second act to determine who will be awarded first, second, and third prize. First place will win \$300 (sponsored by City of Moundsville Arts & Culture Commission) and a performance opportunity at the intermission of a Jefferson Friday. Second place will win \$200 (sponsored by John Marshall Class of 69-79). Third place will win \$100 (sponsored by The GreenTab).

Price for admission to the show is \$15 Adults and \$12 students.

You have two options to audition. You only need to complete one option.

1. Online submissions due on Monday April 13, 2026 at 11:59pm.
2. In person auditions at the Strand Theatre on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 (6:00-7:00pm)

# **DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE BLUEGRASS CONCERT**

The David Mayfield Parade is a Grammy nominated bluegrass band with three-time national champion banjo player, Steven Moore. The band is exciting, entertaining, and masterful in their musical bluegrass style. David Mayfield's light-hearted and comical narration throughout the performance is truly quick-witted and funny. Don't miss it.

General Admission = \$25

Child (4 and under) = Free

Doors - 6:00pm

Event - 7:00pm

# WHEELING WINDS CONCERT



Music lovers of the Ohio Valley have a new opportunity to enjoy instrumental music, this time in the form of a concert band. Wheeling Winds, a newly formed professional-level concert band, seeks to give fans of traditional band music a chance to hear the genre at an elite level. Led by retired Wheeling Park High School band director and West Liberty University Professor of Music Patrick Garrett, the ensemble is made up of about 30 professional musicians from around the Ohio Valley.

“For a community of our size, there is a lot of music—jazz, orchestral, musical theatre,” says Garrett. “However, there are no concert bands outside of education. Wheeling Winds provides the opportunity to hear music of this type at the highest level.” Initially formed in the fall of 2025, Wheeling Winds has now performed twice, giving a Veteran’s Day concert and a holiday concert. The vast majority of performers are from Wheeling, with some traveling from Pittsburgh or Morgantown to participate. Several players are local music teachers, with nearly all performers holding degrees in music education, music performance, or both.

“Performing with Wheeling Winds has been a wonderful experience,” says Luke Mazure, who plays saxophone with Wheeling Winds. He is also the choir director at Bridge Street Middle School and the assistant band and choir director at Wheeling Park High School. “While I am obviously around band music all the time through my job at WPHS, I don’t often have the opportunity to perform in a concert band like this. It’s been great to be on the other side of things and play alongside so many excellent musicians.”

The next Wheeling Winds performance is scheduled for March 22 at 3 pm at the Strand Theatre in Moundsville. In addition to the wind ensemble, the concert will feature the Strand’s theatre organ, a unique instrument and point of pride for the Strand Theatre Preservation Society, played by organist Bob Troeger.

“We are thrilled to welcome Wheeling Winds to the Strand, and particularly to pair it with our theatre organ,” says Strand Theatre Board President Justin Jones, who also plays trumpet in Wheeling Winds. “We received the organ as a donation from Mark and Beth Ann Mitchell and installed it in the summer of 2015. We love any opportunity to showcase the organ, and I know this will be a particularly special performance with Wheeling Winds.”

The program will feature music designed specifically for concert band and organ, such as “Crown Imperial,” a piece commissioned for the coronation of King George VI in 1937. It has since been performed at the coronations of Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III, as well as the wedding of Prince William. Other selections include works by John Philip Sousa and music from *The Phantom of the Opera*.

“Many other cities have ensembles like this, and it seemed like an opportunity that was missing in the Ohio Valley,” says Garrett. “One of the best parts of this experience has been both audience and band members alike telling me how grateful they are to experience in a group like this. We’ve gathered a group of people who genuinely enjoy playing this type of music with each other, and I think it shows in our performances. I can’t wait to share it with our community.”

Wheeling Winds will perform at the Strand Theatre on March 22 at 3 pm. The concert is free to attend. For more information, visit the Wheeling Winds Facebook page: @wheelingwinds. A separate Wheeling Winds performance is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. Concert location and details will be announced at a later date.

# FRIENDS OF THE STRAND JOIN TODAY!



As we stand at the threshold of a new year, it is with immense gratitude and pride that we reflect on the accomplishments of 2025. This past year brought remarkable growth, expanded programming, and continued momentum in fulfilling our mission to serve as a cultural home for our community.

In 2025, the Strand presented its most ambitious season yet. Three self-produced musical productions—a summer musical, a winter musical, and a youth winter musical—showcased local talent and brought audiences together in celebration of the performing arts. We also welcomed eight national and regional touring bands, further diversifying our offerings and enriching the cultural landscape of our region.

Our total attendance in 2025 totaled nearly 5,000 patrons representing more than 90 towns and cities—a testament to the Strand's expanding reach and impact. Youth and family programming continued to flourish, highlighted by a 100% increase in children's acting class enrollment, a 15% increase in participation for the Missoula Children's Theatre week-long residency, and a remarkable 61% increase in involvement in the youth winter musical production. We were also thrilled to see an 11% increase in Friends of the Strand memberships, reflecting growing community investment and support.

The Strand sustained its commitment to safety and facility improvements throughout 2025. This ongoing work culminated in new stage draperies and the installation of a new fire curtain system, completed in January 2026—an essential and forward-looking upgrade that enhances the protection and longevity of our historic theatre.

The Strand continued to build and strengthen community connections by partnering with organizations like the Marshall County Public Library, City of Moundsville Arts & Culture Commission, and area schools.

The Strand Theatre Preservation Society, driven by the slogan "Connecting Communities through Arts," aims to inspire, engage, and entertain our community through diverse programming. Our commitment extends beyond the stage, as we actively work towards training and supporting the next generation of artists. By becoming a Friend of the Strand, you contribute directly to the realization of this vision, helping us create a vibrant and inclusive cultural space for everyone. Your membership helps to ensure the ongoing preservation of the Strand. Together, we can secure its place as a cultural cornerstone in our community for generations to come.

We look forward to welcoming you as a Friend of the Strand in 2026!

# 2026 EVENT CALENDAR

**SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS**

## **MARCH**

- 7 – DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE BLUEGRASS CONCERT (7:00PM)
- 9 – CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION BOOK CLUB MEETING (6:30PM)
- 22 – WHEELING WINDS CONCERT (3:00PM)

## **APRIL**

- 10 – A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING MUSICAL (7:00PM)
- 11 – A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING MUSICAL (2:00PM)
- 17/18 – MOUNDSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL- MATILDA JR. (7:00PM)
- 25-30 – YARD SALE DROP-OFF

## **MAY**

- 2 – YARD SALE (8:00AM)
- 15 – STRAND'S GOT TALENT (7:00 PM)
- 26/27 – SUMMER MUSICAL AUDITIONS - (6:30PM)
- 30 – MICHAEL PRESLEY IN CONCERT-THE REFLECTIONS TOUR (7:00PM)

## **JUNE**

- 7 – RYSING STAR DANCE ACADEMY RECITAL
- 13 – SHRIMP BOIL
- 22-27 – MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

## **JULY**

- 9 – MUSICAL CABARET (7:00PM)
- 24-26 – SUMMER MUSICAL

## **AUGUST**

AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL. BOOK YOUR SPECIAL EVENT AT THE STRAND

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 12-17 – YARD SALE DROP-OFF
- 19 – YARD SALE (8:00AM)
- 26 – FALL CHILDREN'S ACTING CLASSES BEGIN

## **OCTOBER**

- 10 – OGLEBAY INSTITUTE YOUTH BALLET COMPANY "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" (7:00PM)
- 24 – HALLOWEEN MOVIE
- 31 – FALL CHILDREN'S ACTING CLASSES END

## **NOVEMBER**

- 6/7 – WV STATE & MID-ATLANTIC ZONE BODY BUILDING CHAMPIONSHIPS (9:00AM)
- 21 – PARADE VIEWING RAFFLE WINNER RECEPTION ROOM PARTY

## **DECEMBER**

- 5 – OGLEBAY INSTITUTE YOUTH BALLET COMPANY "THE NUTCRACKER BALLET" (3:00PM)
- 11 – RON RETZER CHRISTMAS SHOW
- 18 – CHRISTMAS CABARET (7:00PM)
- 19/20 – CHILDREN'S MUSICAL (2:00PM)

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