



MAY 2023

THE STRAND THEATRE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Seniors PALETTE to PEN

Showcase May 2, 7pm, FREE

Safety Last & The Balloonatic

silent films featuring organist

Dennis James, May 7, 2pm,

Admission \$10

Crandall Creek & Eli and the

Mojo Kings May 19, 7pm,

Admission \$10 adults, \$5 child (5-12) under 5 years old free

Musical Auditions May 29/30,

6pm at the theatre

Louisiana Shrimp Boil June 11,

St. Jude Park

Missoula Children's Theatre

June 19-24

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

The Missoula Children's Theatre Company returns to the Strand on June 19-24 offering a FREE acting workshop for children who have completed Kindergarten-age 18 and seniors! **New this year**, the intergenerational program *King Arthur's Quest*, will include actors age 55 and up. During the week, participants will be immersed in many aspects related to the production of a live stage show, culminating with two public performances. Those interested will pre-register online beginning on May 8 at www.strandtheatre.wv.com/events. If spots are still available, on-site registration will also be open prior to auditions.

Pre-registrants/on-site registrants will audition Monday, June 19 from 10am to 12pm. All participants will audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Those auditioning should arrive at 9:30am and plan to stay until 12pm. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. The MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 10am-2:15pm each day.

There is no cost to participate, but several additional enrichment workshops will be offered after daily rehearsals conclude. These workshops will immerse participants in more specific theatrical skills for a nominal fee.

Two public performances of *King Arthur's Quest* will be presented on Saturday, June 24 at the Strand Theatre.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency is brought to you by the Strand Theatre with support from the Evan G. Roberts Fund and the Moundsville Women's Club. For more information, call 304.845.3009 or email progdirector@strandtheatre.wv.com. Mark your calendars and spread the word about this exciting FREE opportunity for area youth and seniors!

MGT WINNERS TO PERFORM AT JEFFERSON FRIDAYS

Don't miss a performance by our *Moundsville's Got Talent* winners Sarah McBee and Jacob Boyette at the **Jefferson Fridays** July 14 event. Showtime is 7-10pm.

PALETTE TO PEN ARTS CLASS SHOWCASE

The Strand Theatre is proud to present a showcase of talents featuring the participants of our Palette to Pen classes geared toward seniors on Tuesday, May 2 at 7pm. Admission is free and open to the public. Please join us as we celebrate the talents our class participants who will share their newly acquired skills.

THE BALLOONATIC & SAFETY LAST SILENT FILMS

FEATURING WORLD-RENOWNED THEATRE ORGANIST DENNIS JAMES

The Strand Theatre is proud to present professional theatre organist Dennis James during the silent film screening of comedic movies *The Balloonatic* and *Safety Last* on Sunday, May 7 at 2pm. Dennis is a regular performer at silent film festivals internationally. His restored period-sourced scores for films by Chaplin, Keaton, Lloyd, Valentino, Gish, Barrymore, Garbo among many others are performed around the country by groups including but not limited to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Seattle Symphony, and the Toronto Symphony. Price for admission is \$10. Tickets will be available at the door or at strandtheatre.wv.com/events



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BLUEGRASS AND POP COME TO THE STRAND

Join us May 19 for an evening of bluegrass music and popular tunes at the Strand. This special show includes nationally recognized Crandall Creek bluegrass band and regional favorite Eli and the Mojo Kings. The night begins with special guest Bruce Wings. Backed by Crandall Creek, he will share original songs from his Eastern Kentucky album.

Moundsville based Crandall Creek will take the stage next, playing original music that respects the best traditions of bluegrass. Crandall Creek's recent release "Refrigerator Homemade Picture Show" debuted at No. 11 on the Bluegrass Today Top 20 Weekly Chart. The song, written by Jerry Andrews and Kathy Wigman Lesnock, features Shannon Slaughter on lead vocal. In 2022, Crandall Creek's single "Molly Burns" debuted at No. 7 on the Bluegrass Today Top 20 Weekly Chart. The accompanying video debuted at No. 1 on the Bluegrass Standard Video Chart, and to date has over 500 thousand views.

Popular Wheeling act Eli and the Mojo Kings will top off the evening. The Mojo Kings is a power-packed band that covers a variety of genres including rock & roll, R&B, pop and top 40. They perform music by legendary groups and artists such as Bruno Mars, Earth Wind & Fire, Justin Timberlake, Chicago, Stevie Wonder, Whitney Houston, Paul Simon and more. The Mojo Kings are led by Eli Lambie, a music teacher at Washington Lands Elementary School in Marshall County. Lambie was recently awarded the 2023 West Virginia General Music Teacher of the Year by the West Virginia Society of General Music, an affiliate of the West Virginia Music Educators Association. This show is being produced by Crandall Creek and Bruce Wings. Please support these local musicians by coming out to the show on Friday, May 19 at 7pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and free for those under 5 years old. Tickets will be available at the door.



9 TO 5 MUSICAL AUDITIONS

The Strand Theatre announces auditions for its summer musical, *9 to 5*.

9 to 5, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s. This hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic.

Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains "otherwise engaged," the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. Hey, a girl can scheme, can't she?

9 to 5 will run July 28 and 29 at 7pm and July 30 at 2pm. Shelby Garrett will direct the show, Justin Jones will serve as music director, Anna Harsh will choreograph, and Meta Lasch will serve as technical director. Auditions are Monday, May 29, and Tuesday, May 30, at 6pm at the Strand. You only need to attend one night of auditions. Please prepare 16-32 bars of a song from either a musical or an upbeat pop song. An accompanist will be provided. Auditions will also consist of cold reads from the script as well as a dance combo, so wear comfortable shoes you can move in. If necessary, callbacks will take place on Wednesday, May 31, at 6pm. Audition ages are high school students through adults. Auditionees are encouraged to listen to the original cast recording for inspiration.

Rehearsals will begin the week of June 12, and run Monday-Thursday evenings for approximately two to three hours per rehearsal. A complete schedule will be created following auditions and distributed at the first rehearsal.

Contact ShelbyGarrett at segarrett11@gmail.com with questions. For character descriptions and complete audition details visit strandtheatrewv.com/9to5

9 TO 5 MUSICAL SPONSORSHIPS

The Strand is excited to bring live theater once again to the Moundsville community with the musical *9 to 5*. Auditions will be held in early summer and the following weeks are dedicated to rehearsing and preparing the show. Producing a musical is an expensive!

To perform a LIVE musical, licensing rights must be obtained. The rights for *9 to 5* cost \$2,385.

Much of the work for a theater production is done behind the scenes. The summer musical artistic team consists of seven individuals who specialize in directing, music, choreography, sound design, light design, set design, and carpentry.

The cost for the artistic team is \$7,550. The Strand is proud to present musicals with LIVE music. Professional musicians from the region are hired to enhance the musical experience for the audience and onstage actors. The cost for musicians is \$4,625. Costumes and set materials cost \$1,600.

Promotional materials and programs cost \$1,000. The total cost to produce the 2023 summer musical, *9 to 5*, is \$17,160.

The Strand Theatre Preservation Society strongly believes that the arts play an important role in enriching the culture of our community. Your generous financial support allows the Strand Theatre to continue to provide live theatre opportunities for the talented artists in our area.

Please visit strandtheatrewv.com/9to5 or contact us at strand@strandtheatrewv.com for sponsor package information. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

