



JANUARY 2022

# THE STRAND THEATRE

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH PERFORMANCE

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE THEATRE

**Ron Retzer Trio: A Strand  
of Love** February 12 @ 7pm

**Bridges Concert** February  
26 @ 7pm

**Moundsville's Got Talent  
Auditions** digital auditions  
due via YouTube Feb. 1 and  
live auditions at the theatre  
on February 8 @ 6:30-8pm

**Moundsville's Got Talent  
Performance** March 12 @  
7pm, Admission: adults \$12,  
students \$10, 5 & under  
FREE

## FRIENDS OF THE STRAND CAMPAIGN

If these past two years have taught us anything, it's the power of community. As we've all adjusted to this new normal, facing unforeseen challenges and battles, the only thing that has seemed to stay constant is the support, comfort, and goodwill we've found in each other. It has been challenging to maintain a performing arts venue in the midst of a global pandemic, and yet here we stand—thanks to you, our community.

In November, we were able to reschedule a very important event that we had missed due to the pandemic: our centennial anniversary. A group of outstanding Strand supporters gathered to celebrate 101 years of the Strand's existence. We welcomed long-time patrons and artists as attendees danced along to our live band and enjoyed good food and camaraderie. We've been able to have other successful events, such as hosting the Oglebay Institute's School of Dance production of Snow White and The Nutcracker, several movies, concerts in the round, cabarets, children's acting classes, and artist workshops. This year also saw our very much anticipated return to the summer musical with our production of Godspell. Attendance for this beloved musical was huge, and it felt so amazing to welcome performers back to the stage for this event.

While there were several months in 2021 where we were not able to host any gatherings, we were able to utilize that time to make some much needed improvements to the theatre. We repainted and redesigned our dressing rooms and green room so that our future performers will have ample space to prepare and congregate. On the other end of the theatre, we completely renovated the northwest basement to become our new office. Were it not for

the generosity of time and money from our Friends and patrons, these renovations would not have been possible.

As we turn towards 2022—and more uncertainty surrounding the pandemic and its variants—we are optimistic that our community will continue to band together to support our historic theatre and our mission. Our programming committee is hard at work planning next year's events, such as the next summer musical; a Valentine's Day concert; children's acting workshops; several films, and the return of Moundsville's Got Talent. As always, the enrichment and safety of our patrons remains paramount, and we are committed to working with the Health Department and state guidelines to ensure that we can continue to deliver quality entertainment safely. We highly encourage you to support us in our future endeavors by continuing to be a Friend of the Strand. **We have no intention of slowing down in the upcoming year**, and with the help of people like you, we won't have to! By generously giving to the Strand, you are investing in our community and the future of the arts in Marshall County. Thank you for being part of our artistic community. We hope to see you soon!

## RON RETZER TRIO: A STRAND OF LOVE

Celebrate Valentine's Day in style at the Strand Theatre. Join the Ron Retzer Trio as they present *A Strand of Love*. The concert will be held on Saturday, February 12 at 7pm.

## MOUNDSVILLE'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Plans for *Moundsville'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 Saturday, March 12.

Auditions for the show will be held on Tuesday, February 8 from 6:30-8pm at the Strand Theatre. All walk-in acts are welcome-singing, dancing, standup comedy,-whatever you want to share with the world! You may also submit your audition digitally via YouTube link. The deadline for video submissions is February 1. Each act should not exceed five minutes. All performers in the 2022 show are required to submit an audition. Those who were selected for the 2020 show (which was canceled due to COVID) are required to re-audition.

From auditions, we will choose up to ten acts to perform in the show. To set up an audition time or to submit a video audition, email Kelley Bidka at [progdirector@strandtheatrewv.com](mailto:progdirector@strandtheatrewv.com). Video submissions are due by 11:59pm on Tuesday, February 1.

Those selected will rehearse for the show on March 11 for a closed dress rehearsal, time TBA. They will also perform for the show on March 12 at 7pm. 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, second place will win \$200, and third place will win \$100.

Price for admission to the show is \$12 Adults and \$10 students.

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISERS

### Friends of the Strand Campaign Kick-off

January 1

### Spring Indoor Yard Sale Date TBA

### Louisiana Shrimp Boil June 11, St. Jude Park

