



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ENJOY BOOKS FOR SALE  
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FRAME & FORTUNES AND  
MOUNDSVILLE PHARMACY

NUTCRACKER BALLET  
DECEMBER 6 @ 2PM  
ADMISSION ADULTS \$15  
STUDENTS (AGE 5-18) \$12,  
4 & UNDER FREE

CHRISTMAS AT THE STRAND  
RON RETZER TRIO  
DECEMBER 12 @ 7PM  
ADMISSION \$15

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
CRAFT/MOVIE EVENT  
ARTHUR CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 13  
CRAFT @ 1:15  
MOVIE @ 2PM, FREE

CHRISTMAS CABARET  
DECEMBER 19 @ 7PM  
\$10 ADMISSION

ELF JR.  
DECEMBER 20 & 21 @ 2PM  
ADMISSION ADULTS \$15  
CHILDREN (AGE 18 AND  
UNDER) \$10



## SUPPORTED BY THE EVAN G. ROBERTS CHARITABLE TRUST

The Strand Theatre Preservation Society is guaranteed to have everyone 'singing loud for all to hear' with its all-youth production of Elf the Musical Jr.! The show runs December 20 and 21 at 2pm.

The musical tells the story of a young orphan who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is given the name Buddy and raised by elves in the North Pole. Buddy lives happily unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list, and his stepbrother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of the holidays.

The cast and crew consist of artists from across the Ohio Valley. The production is directed by Renee Storm with musical direction by Leslie Garrett and technical direction by Meta Lasch. Additional crew members include Richard Deenis, Sean Geery, Aubree Gray, Paula Lucas, Sav Nelson. Cast members include Austin Schwanker (Buddy), Alexandra Glennon (Emily Hobbs), Bryant Morgan (Walter Hobbs), Jana Schodszinski (Jovie), Mason Boyette (Michael Hobbs), and Brady Barnhart (Santa). Members of the ensemble include Taelyn Barton, Steven Benedict, Penelope Bonar, Luciano Cioli, Lane Crawford, Davey Deever, Helena Douglas, Lyndsay Durig, Josilyn Fields, Chaz Galloway, Raelyn Goldbaugh, Harvey Goodman, Gus Goodman, Sydney Gust, Oliver Hamilton, Cheyenne Harvey, Jane Hollis, Nova Howard, Jolena Hubbard, Carlie Hubbs, Reagan Hull, Dottie Judy, Amelia Kellas, Blayke Kildow, Skye Lockrem, Kenzington Norris, Ava Pape, Chloe Patt, Darcy Patt, Aaron Ross, Eli Ross, Ellie Schultz, Razzlyn Sidwell, Athena Taylor, Ayla Thomas, Kaysi Woods, and Kaylee Yensen.

Tickets for Elf the Musical Jr. go on sale November 1, at Frame & Fortunes on Jefferson Avenue in Moundsville and online at

[www.strandtheatrewv.com/events](http://www.strandtheatrewv.com/events). Adult tickets are \$15, and student tickets are \$10. All patrons, regardless of age, must purchase a ticket. The production is supported by the Evan G. Roberts Charitable Trust. Elf The Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com).

A treasured holiday event returns! Oglebay Institute's School of Dance will present The Nutcracker again this year. Complete with dancing flowers and a flurry of snowflakes, this classic ballet takes audiences on a magical holiday journey. This will be Oglebay Institute's 25th anniversary of the beloved holiday ballet.

Featuring a talented cast of beautifully costumed dancers which includes 12 seniors, performing on a lavish set and reveling in Tchaikovsky's beloved score..

Based on the book "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," written by E.T.A. Hoffman, The Nutcracker ballet revolves around a young German girl named Clara. Clara falls asleep on Christmas Eve and is transported into a Christmas fantasy where a nutcracker turns into a prince, toys become soldiers and enchanted lands are filled with dancing fairies, snowflakes and flowers.

The Nutcracker performances are part of Oglebay Institute's Children's Theatre Season, which brings classic stories from the page to the stage through theater and dance. OI is excited to take the show on the road and bring this production to the beautiful, historic Strand Theatre in Moundsville.

OI director of dance Cheryl Pompeo said ballet performances feature well-loved stories that children relate to. "Kids not only get excited about the characters and music they know, but also get to see stories presented in new and interesting ways. Performances introduce kids to the beauty of dance. They also learn how dance can be used as a means of self-expression and storytelling."

This enchanting ballet will be performed by Oglebay Institute's Youth Ballet Company on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Tickets are available online and at the door.

## OGLEBAY INSTITUTE PRODUCTION OF THE NUTCRACKER BALLET ON DECEMBER 6 AT 2PM



## FREE CHRISTMAS CRAFT & MOVIE EVENT SPONSORED BY GKT

The Strand Theatre is pleased to offer one showing of beloved holiday classic movie, Arthur Christmas, on Saturday, December 13. Join us for a Christmas craft at 1:15PM followed by the movie at 2PM. Admission is free. Concessions will be available to purchase. For more information visit [strandtheatreww.com/events](http://strandtheatreww.com/events).

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# CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE

Take a chance to win a beautiful quilt handcrafted by Strand Technical Director, Meta Lasch, this quilt is the perfect addition to your home décor. The quilt size is 4.5 x 5 feet.

Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10 (CASH ONLY) and will be available December 1-21 at Frame and Fortunes and Strand events. The winner of the drawing will be announced at Elf the Musical Jr. on Sunday, December 21, at 2PM.



## CHRISTMAS CABARET



Once again, some of your favorite Strand Theatre performers are joining together for an evening of holiday music and cheer! The Strand Theatre Christmas Cabaret will take place on December 19 at 7PM. Sit back and relax to a slew of holiday selections, both classic and new. Admission is \$10. Advance tickets available online at [strandtheatrewv.com/events](http://strandtheatrewv.com/events). Tickets also available at the door. Singers will be accompanied by Justin Jones and the show will be emceed by Sadie Crow-Varlas.

## RON RETZER TRIO PRESENTS CHRISTMAS AT THE STRAND

Christmas at the Strand, a holiday concert featuring the Ron Retzer Trio, will be held on Friday, December 12 at 7PM at the historic Strand Theatre. The price for admission is \$15. Ron Retzer is an outstanding pianist known as "The Voice of the Ohio Valley." He has performed with numerous stars on the Jamboree for over 25 years. Doors will open at 6pm. Advance tickets available at Frame and Fortunes and online at [strandtheatrewv.com/events](http://strandtheatrewv.com/events). Tickets will also be available at the door.

## ENJOY COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE

The Strand Theatre has launched its annual fundraiser sale of the Ohio Valley 2025 Enjoy Coupon Books. The books include a variety of coupons for popular eateries & other establishments in the Ohio Valley.

Many new offers have been added this year such as Fat Apple Bakery, Patsy's Pizza, LaCucina Italian, Chayo's Street Tacos. and The Rose Garden. These new features add exceptional savings along with favorites from previous years, including: Prima Marina, Perkins Restaurant, Bob's Lunch, Osaka Steakhouse, Vocelli Pizza, El Paso Mexican Grill, Dairy Queen, Undo's, Quaker Steak & Lube, Highlands Sports Complex, Towngate Theatre, Wheeling Park, Straub Automotive, Globe Airport Parking, & so many more! The books make great holiday gifts!

The cost is \$40 each with a portion of proceeds from each purchase going to the Strand Theatre. A problem in printing has caused a delay in us receiving the books, but call or stop by to see Susan at Frame and Fortunes and she will be happy to contact you when they arrive. Books will be available at the following Moundsville locations: Frame and Fortunes, 239 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville Pharmacy, 118 Lafayette Ave., or by contacting Janet Kalaskey at 304-845-4926. Payment can be made with cash or check made out to the "Strand Theatre Preservation Society". Credit cards cannot be accepted. Questions? Call Susan at Frame and Fortunes, 304-845-8900.

# OPEN CALL FOR AUDITIONS

## *A Grand Night for Singing*

The Strand Theatre announces auditions for **Rodgers & Hammerstein's A Grand Night for Singing**. 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.

*A Grand Night for Singing* will be presented April 10, at 7:00pm, and April 11, at 2:00pm. Cassie Majetich will direct, and Michael Murphy will serve as music director.

Auditions will be held Monday, February 2, at 6:30pm at the Strand. Please prepare 16-32 bars of a song from any Rodgers & Hammerstein musical. You can gender-bend your song selection. An accompanist will be provided OR you can bring a karaoke track. If necessary, callbacks will take place on Wednesday, February 4, at 6:30 pm. Audition ages are 16 and older. There are opportunities for solos, duets, and ensemble members!

Rehearsals will begin the week of February 9 and run three evenings each week for approximately 2-3 hours per rehearsal. A complete schedule will be created following auditions and distributed at the first rehearsal.

Please visit [www.strandtheatrewv.com/gns](http://www.strandtheatrewv.com/gns) for character descriptions and complete audition details. Contact Cassie Majetich at [cassandra.majetich@strandtheatrewv.com](mailto:cassandra.majetich@strandtheatrewv.com) with questions.

# 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

**SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS**

**[CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT OUR COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)**

## **DECEMBER**

6 – OGLEBAY INSTITUTE YOUTH BALLET COMPANY – NUTCRACKER (2:00PM)

12 – RON RETZER TRIO CHRISTMAS SHOW (7:00PM)

13 – CHRISTMAS CRAFT & MOVIE (1:15PM CRAFT /2:00PM MOVIE)

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

19 – CHRISTMAS CABARET (7:00PM)

20/21 – ELF THE MUSICAL JR. (2:00 PM)

## **2026 EVENT CALENDAR WILL BE POSTED SOON!**

## **CHILDREN'S ACTING CLASSES**

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

It's time to register for the winter children's acting classes! Classes will begin on February 7 and will conclude on March 14. Based upon their age, each participant will choose from one of two levels based two levels. Level 1 (Kindergarten-Grade 3) will meet from 9am-9:55am. Level 2 (Grades 4-8) will meet from 10am-10:55am.. Tuition for participation in six-week class series is \$75. All classes will be held at the theatre. Renee Storm will be the instructor. Register online at [strandtheatrewv.com/events](http://strandtheatrewv.com/events)

### **Grades K-3 Introduction to Acting**

Young performers will build confidence, imagination, and stage presence in this playful introduction to acting! Through fun games, storytelling, and creative movement, students will explore characters, emotions, and basic performance skills. Each class encourages teamwork, creativity, and self-expression in a supportive environment. At the end of the session, students will perform a short play for family and friends!

### **Grades 4-8 Acting and Performance Skills**

Designed for budding actors ready to take the stage, this class dives into a variety of acting techniques including voice work, character development, improvisation, and stage direction. Students will strengthen their confidence, collaboration, and performance skills while learning how to bring a script to life. The session will conclude with a short live performance to showcase their talents for an invited audience!