



JANUARY 2023

THE STRAND THEATRE

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH PERFORMANCE

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE THEATRE

Moundsville's Got Talent Auditions digital auditions due Feb. 1 by 11:59pm

Ron Retzer Trio: A Strand of Love February 11 @ 7pm

Children's Acting Classes begin details coming soon

Moundsville's Got Talent Performance March 11 @ 7pm, Admission: adults \$12, students \$10, 5 & under FREE

Josh Garrett Concert in the Round March 24 @ 7pm

FRIENDS OF THE STRAND CAMPAIGN

As we look toward another year full of exciting events, let's take a moment to reflect on the year of friendship and entertainment the Strand Theatre had over this past year. We're happy to say that each year, particularly after the effects of COVID-19, we continue to grow our network of friends and entertainers who have graced our stage and filled our seats; in 2022 alone, nearly 4,000 individuals from 69 different cities attended an event at the theatre. Not bad for a theatre that seats 400!

In 2022, the Strand took to heart the slogan "make new friends and keep the old." Throughout the year, we once again called upon local talent to delight our audiences. From well-known local stars like the Ron Retzer Trio and Eli Lambie to the undiscovered talents that took the stage for Moundsville's Got Talent in March, our programs showcased the immense amount of talent that lives right here in the Ohio Valley. However, in 2022, we went even farther and included out-of-town acts throughout our event calendar, including Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr. in December and Twitty & Lynn Country in May. It was so exciting to consistently offer the opportunity to see hometown favorites as well as never before seen entertainment from different places!

2022 saw the return of many beloved events: Moundsville's Got Talent, a Halloween showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, and our summer and holiday cabarets. Our summer musical, The Addams Family, was a huge success, with nearly 1,000 tickets sold throughout the three-day run. As always, we stayed committed to education this year, offering children's acting classes, free family movie days, and the week-long, free-to-attend Missoula Children's Theatre program.

None of this would have been possible without our tried-and-true friends: 125 individuals and entities gave monetary donations to the Strand this year, with many more donating their time and talent. We'd be remiss to not take a moment to thank those that have helped us throughout the year, whether it was through donating items to our annual yard sale, selling popcorn, or simply donating. When it comes to community theatre, everyone has something to give—and no gift is too small or unappreciated!

As we look toward an exciting new year, we hope we can count on you to grow our network of friends. Whether that's by bringing a buddy to the next Strand event, volunteering at a show with a family member, or encouraging a coworker to become a Friend of the Strand, we want to spread the word that the Strand Theatre is getting bigger and better with each passing year—and who better to spread that word than you, our friend?

If you are a past or current Friend of the Strand you can kick off your support of the Strand's 2023 season by completing the form included in a mailed letter. If you are new to this campaign visit strandtheatrewv.com for more information. We can't wait to see where 2023 takes us, and we hope you'll come along for the ride.

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 11 at 7pm. Admission is \$15. Tickets are available online at strandtheatrewv.com/events and will be available at Frame and Fortunes soon. Tickets will also be available at the door,

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 qualified judges during a live performance on Saturday, March 11.

All performers in the 2023 show are required to submit an audition. All acts are welcome-singing, dancing, standup comedy, -whatever you want to share with the world! Each act should not exceed five minutes. Visit www.strandtheatrewv.com/mgt for more information about the show and to learn more about submitting an audition. Video submissions are due by 11:59pm on Wednesday, February 1. For more information about auditions, email Kelley Bidka at progdirector@strandtheatrewv.com.

From auditions, we will choose up to ten acts to perform in the show. Those selected will rehearse for the show during the evening hours on March 10 for a closed dress rehearsal, time TBA. They will also perform for the show on March 11 at 7pm. Every performer will perform once, and from there our 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.

THE STRAND THEATRE'S MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE STRAND THEATRE PRESERVATION SOCIETY IS TO INSPIRE, ENGAGE, AND ENTERTAIN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH DIVERSE PROGRAMMING AS WELL AS TRAINING AND SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISERS

Friends of the Strand Campaign Kick-off

January 1

Spring Indoor Yard Sale

April 29, doors open at 8am

Louisiana Shrimp Boil

June 10, 6pm St. Jude Park

HISTORIC MOUNDVILLE

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