

FEBRUARY  
2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 FOTS CAMPAIGN  
JOIN TODAY!

FEBRUARY 1 @ 1PM  
DANCE SHOWCASE  
TAKE A BOW STUDIO

FEBRUARY 2 @ 6:30PM  
MUSICAL AUDITIONS  
A GRAND NIGHT FOR  
SINGING

FEBRUARY 7  
CHILDREN'S ACTING  
CLASSES BEGIN

FEBRUARY 14 @ 7PM  
RON RETZER TRIO  
A STRAND OF LOVE  
CONCERT

MARCH 7 @ 7PM  
DAVID MAYFIELD  
PARADE  
BLUEGRASS CONCERT

## CHILDREN'S ACTING CLASSES

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 on 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!

## 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 14 at 7pm. Admission is \$15. Ticket sales for this event begin January 5. You can purchase tickets online at [strandtheatrewv.com/events](http://strandtheatrewv.com/events) and they will also be available at Frame and Fortunes soon. Tickets will also be available at the door.





## *A Grand Night for Singing*

# OPEN CALL FOR AUDITIONS

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.

## BLUEGRASS CONCERT DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE

Mark your calendar for March 7 because you won't want to miss this 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 this performance on March 7 at 7PM. General admission is \$25. Children 4 and under are admitted free. Doors will open at 6pm.

# WANT TO SUPPORT THE STRAND AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW? BECOME A FRIEND OF THE STRAND!



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!

# 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](https://www.facebook.com/wheelingwinds). A separate Wheeling Winds performance is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. Concert location and details will be announced at a later date.

# 2026 EVENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS

## FEBRUARY

- 1 - TAKE A BOW DANCE STUDIO SHOWCASE (1:00PM)
- 2 - GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING MUSICAL AUDITIONS (6:30PM)
- 7 - WINTER CHILDREN'S ACTING CLASSES BEGIN
- 14 - RON RETZER TRIO VALENTINE SHOW (7:00PM)

## MARCH

- 7 - DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE BLUEGRASS CONCERT (7:00PM)
- 14 - WINTER CHILDREN'S ACTING CLASSES END
- 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)
- 13 - STRAND'S GOT TALENT DIGITAL AUDITION SUBMISSION DEADLINE (11:59PM)
- 17/18 - MOUNDSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL- MATILDA JR. (7:00PM)
- 21 - STRAND'S GOT TALENT IN-PERSON AUDITIONS (6:00PM)
- 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 - SUMMER MUSICAL CABARET (7:00PM)
- 24-26 - SUMMER MUSICAL

## AUGUST

RENOVATIONS & MAINTENANCE

## 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)
- TBA - HALLOWEEN MOVIE
- 31 - FALL CHILDREN'S ACTING CLASSES END

## NOVEMBER

- TBA - 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)
- TBA - RON RETZER CHRISTMAS SHOW
- 18 - CHRISTMAS CABARET (7:00PM)
- 19/20 - CHILDREN'S MUSICAL (2:00PM)

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