



UPCOMING EVENTS

A GRAND NIGHT
FOR SINGING
APRIL 10 @ 7PM
APRIL 11 @ 2PM

STRAND'S GOT TALENT
AUDITIONS

DIGITAL AUDITIONS DUE VIA
STRAND WEBSITE APRIL 13 OR
LIVE AUDITIONS AT THEATRE
APRIL 21 @ 6-7PM

MMS SPRING MUSICAL
MATILDA THE MUSICAL JR.

APRIL 17 @ 7PM
APRIL 18 @ 7PM

DONATION DROP-OFF FOR
SPRING INDOOR YARD SALE

APRIL 25, 9AM-12PM
AND APRIL 27-30
9AM-5PM @ THE THEATRE

SPRING INDOOR YARD SALE

MAY 2 8AM-NOON
CLEARANCE SALE 12:30-2

STRAND'S GOT TALENT
MAY 15 @ 7PM

MICHAEL PRESLEY IN
CONCERT
THE REFLECTIONS TOUR
MAY 30 @ 7PM

A Grand Night for Singing



The Strand Theatre Preservation Society is thrilled to welcome LIVE theater to Moundsville with its musical production of *A Grand Night for Singing*! The show runs Friday, April 10, at 7pm, and Saturday, April 11, at 2pm.

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.

The cast and crew consist of artists from across the Ohio Valley. Cast members include Rose Cunningham, Jeremy Doolin, Chelsey Keding, Peter Lim, Wendy Putzulu, Emily Smith, Shanan Stout, and Michael Wylie. The production is directed by Cassie Majetich with musical direction by Michael Murphy and technical direction by Meta Lasch. Musicians include Josh Garrett, Leslie Garrett, Joan Palmer, Alex Talkowski, and Molly Williams. Sound and light design will be provided by Sean Geery and Sav Nelson.

Tickets for *A Grand Night for Singing* go on sale March 1, at Frame & Fortunes on Jefferson Avenue in Moundsville and online at www.strandtheatreww.com/events. Adult tickets are \$20 and student tickets are \$15. All patrons, regardless of age, must purchase a ticket.

The production is supported by the Karl & Mildred Niekamp Charitable Foundation. *A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com

MEET THE CAST



*A Grand Night
for Singing*



Row 1: Director Cassie Majetich, Music Director Michael Murphy

Row 2: Chelsey Keding, Emily Smith, Jeremy Doolin

Row 3: Michael Wylie, Rose Cunningham, Peter Lim

Row 4: Wendy Putzulu, Shanan Stout



OPEN CALL FOR AUDITIONS
STRAND's got Talent
TALENT COMPETITION
Several chosen acts will perform for a panel of judges during a live performance at the theatre on Friday, May 15
Submit digital auditions due by 11:59pm on Monday April 13 OR report for live auditions at the theatre on Tuesday, April 21 from 6-7pm
Contestants will compete for cash prizes!
1st \$300 and perform at a Summer 2026 Jefferson Fridays event
2nd \$200
3rd \$100
Learn more at www.strandtheatreww.com/sgt
QUESTIONS? CONTACT PROGDIR@STRANDTHEATREWW.COM
Special thanks to our sponsors!
1st prize: MOUNDSVILLE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
2nd prize: MHS 69-79 Alumni
3rd prize: GreenTab

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
STRAND's got Talent
TALENT COMPETITION
MAY 15
7PM
ADULTS \$15
STUDENTS \$12
AGE 4 & UNDER FREE
EMCEE: TONY SUMMERS
FIND MORE INFORMATION/PURCHASE TICKETS @ STRANDTHEATREWW.COM/EVENTS
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1st prize: \$300
2nd prize: \$200 - MHS 69-79 Alumni Committee
3rd prize: \$100
MOUNDSVILLE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
GreenTab

STRAND'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Plans for the annual Strand'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 Friday, May 15.

Those interested in performing will audition for a spot in the show. All acts are welcome—singing, dancing, standup comedy,—whatever you want to share with the world! Each act should not exceed five minutes. Following auditions, we will choose up to ten acts to perform in the show. Auditions for the show will be held on Tuesday, April 21 from 6:00–7:00pm at the Strand Theatre. You may also submit your audition digitally. The deadline for video submissions is Monday, April 13 at 11:59pm. Visit www.strandtheatreww.com/sgt to submit video auditions.

Those selected will perform for the show on May 15 at 7:00pm. 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 (sponsored by City of Moundsville Arts & Culture Commission) and a performance opportunity at the intermission of a Jefferson Friday. Second place will win \$200 (sponsored by John Marshall Class of 69–79). Third place will win \$100 (sponsored by The GreenTab).

Price for admission to the show is \$15 Adults and \$12 students.

You have two options to audition. You only need to complete one option.

1. Online submissions due on Monday April 13, 2026 at 11:59pm.
2. In person auditions at the Strand Theatre on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 (6:00–7:00pm)

SPRING YARD SALE PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!

Would you like to share gently used items to benefit the Strand? We are accepting used household donations at the theatre on Saturday, April 25 from 9am–12pm and from 9am–5pm daily beginning Monday, April 27 thru Thursday, April 30. Though we appreciate all of your donations, we cannot accept clothing and shoes. Mark your calendar and plan to come find your treasures and shop at our yard sale on Saturday, May 2 from 8am–12pm. We will close for thirty minutes, then re-open from 12:30–2pm for a clearance sale with 50% off individual items or fill a box for \$5. If you have questions about this event, please call Becky at 304.281.0647.



AUDITION **NOTICE**



The Strand Theatre announces auditions for its summer production, Disney's The Little Mermaid. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's The Little Mermaid is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World."

Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above, bargaining with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems, and Ariel needs the help of her colorful friends, Flounder the fish, Scuttle the seagull and Sebastian the crab to restore order under the sea.

Disney's The Little Mermaid will run July 24 and 25 at 7:00pm and July 26 at 2:00pm. Shelby Garrett will direct, Justin Jones will serve as music director, Stephanie Jingle will choreograph, and Meta Lasch will serve as technical director.

Auditions are Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30pm at the Strand. Please prepare 16-32 bars of a song from either a musical or an upbeat pop song. An accompanist will be provided. Auditionees are encouraged to listen to the cast recording for inspiration. Auditions will also consist of cold reads from the script as well as a dance combo, so wear comfortable shoes you can move in. Callbacks will take place on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30pm. Audition ages are high school students through adults. The role of Flounder may be cast as young as a student who has completed 4th grade. Those interested in auditioning for Flounder must contact the director in advance to schedule an audition time.

Rehearsals will begin the week of June 8, 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. Please visit www.strandtheatrewv.com/mermaid for character descriptions and complete audition details. Contact Shelby Garrett (director) at shelby.garrett@strandtheatrewv.com with questions.

STRAND THEATRE

SUMMER MUSICAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Strand Theatre announces volunteer internship opportunities for its summer production, Disney's The Little Mermaid. Interns will be matched with a professional creative team member for a unique mentorship and hands-on experience. Applications are open to all community members. Please check the list of internship options on page 5 of this newsletter to learn more about each available position.

Application deadline is Friday, May 15, 2026. Interviews will be scheduled as needed the week of May 25, 2026. Please visit www.strandtheatrewv.com/internship to complete an application. Direct questions to strand@strandtheatrewv.com.

Assistant to the Director

As an Assistant to the Director, you will work closely with the director to help manage rehearsals, coordinate communication between the cast and crew, and assist in the overall creative process. You will gain valuable experience in directing, staging, and helping bring the production vision to life. Time commitment: Monday-Thursday (6:00-9:00pm) starting the week of June 15, 2026. Exact schedule TBD by the director

Assistant Stage Manager

The Assistant Stage Manager will support the Stage Manager in organizing rehearsal schedules, maintaining production paperwork, and managing backstage operations during performances. You will learn about the logistics of theatre productions, from managing props to ensuring smooth transitions during the show. Time commitment: Monday-Thursday (6:00-9:00pm) starting the week of June 15, 2026. Exact schedule TBD by the director

Set Build Crew

Join the Set Build Crew and work alongside our designers and carpenters to help construct the sets for the summer production. You'll gain hands-on experience with set design, construction, and painting, learning essential skills in building and transforming the stage environment. Time commitment: Flexible schedule will be set by the technical director

Assistant Sound

As the Assistant Sound intern, you will support the sound designer in setting up and operating the sound equipment for the production. This includes helping with microphones, sound checks, and ensuring proper sound levels during rehearsals and performances. You will develop skills in sound design and technical theatre. Time commitment: July 19-26 (evenings)

Assistant Lights

The Assistant Lighting intern will assist the lighting designer in setting up and operating the lighting equipment for the production. This role includes hanging lights, programming cues, and ensuring the correct lighting effects are achieved during the show. Learn about stage lighting, color mixing, and design implementation. Time commitment: July 19-26 (evenings)

Assistant Music Director

As the Assistant Music Director, you will help with rehearsal preparation and coordination, supporting the music director with vocal and instrumental rehearsals. This is a great opportunity to learn about music direction, vocal coaching, and musical interpretation for theatre productions. You will be required to demonstrate your musical skill for this position. Piano proficiency is required. Time commitment: Monday-Thursday (6:00-9:00pm) starting the week of June 15, 2026. Exact schedule TBD by the music director

Musician

Musicians will be involved in rehearsals and performances, playing live music to support the show. Whether playing in the pit or accompanying singers, you will work closely with the music director and other performers to bring the musical score to life. You will be required to demonstrate your musical skill for this position. Time commitment: July 19-26 (evenings)

Assistant Photographer

The Assistant Photographer will assist in capturing rehearsal and performance moments, including action shots, candid behind-the-scenes images, and promotional photos. You will help maintain the visual documentation of the production, which may be used for social media, marketing, and archival purposes. Time commitment: July 19-26 (evenings); as needed throughout rehearsal process

Assistant Front of House Manager

The Assistant Front of House Manager will work closely with the Front of House team to ensure smooth audience operations before, during, and after the performances. You will assist with managing box office duties, ushering, audience seating, and maintaining a welcoming environment for guests. These internship positions offer a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the theatre industry, learn from professionals, and contribute to a community theatre production. Time commitment: June 9, July 7, July 22-26 (evenings)

2026 EVENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS

APRIL

- 10 - A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING MUSICAL (7:00PM)
11 - A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING MUSICAL (2:00PM)
17/18 - MOUNDSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL- MATILDA JR. (7:00PM)
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

- 2 - ZOO TO YOU LIBRARY EVENT (11:00AM)
7 - RYSING STAR DANCE ACADEMY RECITAL (1:00PM)
9 - FREDDIE FOSSIL DINO SHOW LIBRARY EVENT (11:00AM)
13 - SHRIMP BOIL (6:00PM)
16 - O'RYAN THE O'MAZING LIBRARY EVENT (11:00AM)
18 - TONY M. MUSIC LIBRARY EVENT (11:00AM)
22-27 - MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

JULY

- 3 - BAD MOON RISING CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE EVENT
9 - MUSICAL CABARET (7:00PM)
24-26 - SUMMER MUSICAL *DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID*

AUGUST

AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL. BOOK YOUR SPECIAL EVENT AT THE STRAND

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)
24 - FAMILY HALLOWEEN CRAFT & MOVIE EVENT *LEMONY SNICKETT'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS* (2:00PM)
24 - HALLOWEEN MOVIE *HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL* (7:00PM)
31 - FALL CHILDREN'S ACTING CLASSES END

NOVEMBER

- 6/7 - 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)
11 - RON RETZER CHRISTMAS SHOW
18 - CHRISTMAS CABARET (7:00PM)
19/20 - CHILDREN'S MUSICAL (2:00PM)

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

