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The Strand is located on the north side of the historic Marietta Square at the corner of Cherokee St. and North Park Sq.

Going north on 75

Get off on exit 263 toward Marietta and merge onto South Marietta Parkway. After 2.8 miles, take a right onto Atlanta Road. After 0.4 miles, The Strand Theatre will be on your left at the northeast corner of the historic Marietta Square.

Going south on 75

Get off on exit 265 and take a right onto North Marietta Parkway. After 1.4 miles, take a left onto Church Street. After 0.4 miles, take a left onto North Park Square. The Strand Theatre will be on your left at the northeast corner of the historic Marietta Square.

From the Big Chicken at Cobb Parkway & Roswell Rd Go west on Roswell Road toward Marietta. After 1.7 miles take a right onto East Park Sq. and The Strand Theatre will be on your left at the northeast corner of the historic Marietta Square.

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Strand FAQ

Q: Do you offer tours?

A: Yes! Every Thursday at 11 AM we offer our "Behind-the-Scenes Tour" for \$5.

Q: When can I look inside The Strand?

A: The Strand is typically closed when there's not an event going on. As mentioned above, we have tours of The Strand on Thursday mornings for \$5.

Q: When is your box office open?

A: Our Box Office is open from 9 AM- noon and 1 PM -4 PM Monday through Friday.

Q: How can I find out what is happening at The Strand?

A: There are several ways to stay in the loop:

- 1) Our Upcoming Events Flyer is available outside the theatre.
- 2) Our website is updated daily with events.
- 3) Our Upcoming Events e-mail is released every week. To be added, please send an email to: friends@earlsmithstrand.org
- 4) We post all of our events on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Q: How do I rent the theatre and/or event room?

A: Please contact our events manager at 770.293.0080 or fill out the form found on the website by clicking "Event Room Rental" on our home page.

Q: How do I buy tickets?

A: There are several ways to purchase tickets:

- 1) By phone: 770.293.0080
- 2) Online: www.EarlSmithStrand.org
- 3) The Box Office: 117 North Park Square | Marietta, GA 30060, M-F (see hours above)

Q: Are there volunteer positions available?

A: Yes, please e-mail cassi@earlsmithstrand.org.

Q: Who is the Atlanta Lyric Theatre?

A: In August 2008, The Atlanta Lyric Theatre announced its partnership with the Friends of the Strand, Inc. to relocate to the newly renovated Strand Theatre. The Atlanta Lyric Theatre is the only local professional musical theatre company in the metro Atlanta area. The Lyric has a full season of theatre shows that are performed at The Strand.

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Join our FB group, follow us on Twitter, or check in to Earl Smith Strand Theatre on Foursquare!



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The Social Network

Staff writer Christy Rosell

Do you have textitus* in your finger joints from constant phone updates to Facebook, Twitter or one of those other social network apps? Do you tell **the world when you're ready for slumber** or proudly post photos of your dinner cuisine, vegetable garden, party photos, or those adorable children in your life? Guess what? Even theatres like to get social! By linking up **with The Strand, you'll be able** to share all of the cool events you plan to attend with your circle of friends.

The Strand posts fun photos, updates fans when new events are added to the website, and gives behind-the-scene details about what goes on to get ready for a show or special event (like toasting hundreds of pieces of

bread for Rocky Horror Picture Show). The Strand also invites its Facebook fans to post their own pictures of events at the theatre (when photography is permitted).



On January 11, Chris Brogan posted a really cool photo of The Strand exterior, pictured above, decorated with a winter snow storm – thanks for sharing Chris!

**The term "Textitus" was invented for the writing of this story. As far as the staff knows, there is no known condition.*

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Get to Know Your Ushers!

Staff Writer Cassi Costoulas

Whether it be a Saturday night concert, a matinee movie, or a midnight showing of *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, if you are coming to an event at The Strand, you are going to be greeted by a smiling face in a red vest and bowtie. Besides helping you find your seat or tearing your tickets, the ushers at The Strand can answer questions about the history and renovation, sometimes adding in a story or two of their own!

The men and women who volunteer their time to usher at The Strand have proven to be some of the most patient, professional, and good natured group of volunteers you can find.

Linda Farley and Becca Kienel are two ushers that can be seen at The Strand many weekends volunteering their time. We at The Strand have had the privilege of getting to know these two dedicated volunteers. Thank you, ladies, for all of your hard work and the joy you have brought to Strand patrons

Linda Farley

"I've been ushering at The Strand for a year and I love it. The variety of shows makes it fun and I have met so many interesting people. I also usher at the Cobb Energy Centre, but especially like the hometown atmosphere at the Strand.

I lived in Marietta as a child and started school here, my Dad was in the military so we moved many times and I returned to Marietta in the middle of my senior year and graduated from Marietta HS, then moved to middle GA, met my husband, married and returned to Marietta. Since I kept returning to Marietta I think I am meant to be here.

I volunteer because I love the arts, and the art community. I view it as a hobby so it is always a pleasure."

Becca Kienel

"I did not grow up in Marietta, but I have lived here for many years, and I worked across the street when the Cobb County Admin Building was the First National Bank of Cobb County. I always thought it was so sad that The Strand had been allowed to fall in such a state of disrepair, so I was thrilled the first time I attended a performance after the reopening.

I am happy to be able to support The Strand in a small way by volunteering. I have made a lot of wonderful friends here, and I love meeting and greeting the patrons. "



Strand Snapshot!

Strand board member and major supporter Stephen W. Imler recently presented magnet school director Frank Timmerman with a \$5,000 check to support **The Strand's Partner in Education**, the Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts at Pebblebrook High School. The school is known for its real-world performing arts training and securing millions of dollars in scholarship funds for top students.

ENGRAVE YOUR NAME IN HISTORY!



STRAND FUNDRAISING

The Friends of The Strand, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to recapture the look and history of The Strand. The group still needs to raise \$1.5 million to help cover the cost of the recently completed multimillion dollar renovation. You can help!

SEE YOUR NAME IN THE CREDITS

Take a walk on Marietta's own Walk of Fame by dedicating a brick paver under the marquee with a tax-deductible gift of \$250 (4x8 brick paver) or \$1,500 (8x8 brick paver).

Or, you can Have a Seat in the exclusive Grand for The Strand Club by dedicating one of the 531 seats in the auditorium with a brass plaque for \$1,000.

The organization also welcomes tax-deductible donations of any size! More information at the box office, by phone at 770-293-0080 or by visiting www.EarlSmithStrand.org.





\$50,000 Raised Through Bricks; Installation Slated for April

Staff Writer Christy Rosell

Kim Gresh of S.A. White Oil and Mary Karras of Bank of North Georgia led a team effort and raised \$50,000 for The Strand's capital campaign in the last six months. A majority of the funds raised came from patrons who dedicated a brick or seat.

"Kim and Mary are wonderful people who are dedicated to The Strand and make it possible for us to offer incredible programming and a spectacular setting to see quality entertainment," said Strand Executive Director Earl Reece. "The Strand is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and community support is critical."

The Strand's staff would like to thank all donors for their support as well as Kim and Mary's committee for their hard work!

Over 120 bricks were installed in April. However, supporters still have the ability to support The Strand and dedicate a brick or seat plaque for future installation. A pledge card can be found to the right or on www.EarlSmithStrand.org.

The Strand accepts donations of any size mailed to Friends of The Strand at PO Box 4186, Marietta, GA 30061 or over the phone at 770-293-0080. The Friends of The Strand is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and gifts may be tax deductible.

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#3

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Please use additional order forms for more than one brick inscription. Legible copies are acceptable.

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Open Mic Nights

Staff Writer Melissa Martin

The Earl Smith Strand Theatre will host Open Mic Nights as a forum for local performers to showcase their talents for the community this July. Local music lovers and performers alike will enjoy an evening filled with personality, good humor, and great local music in The Strand's fourth level event room and rooftop terrace.

"There are so many talented local musicians and songwriters in Cobb County. It's great that Marietta will have an opportunity to showcase this talent in a family-friendly and professional venue like The Strand," said local musician

Bert Reeves, attorney and former assistant Cobb County D.A.. "This is the kind of event that can build a lot of momentum and become a regular occurrence, while giving our local performers a way to bring their talent to our community."

Open Mic Nights will be held on July 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with Andrew Cole as the Emcee. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. with a cash bar opening at 6 p.m. and serving \$3 beer and \$5 wine specials all night. It's free to listen and perform. There will be limited seating available.

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Performer Registration:

Bands or individuals must register in advance to schedule their "open mic" time. Sign up begins 30 days in advance via email and closes 24 hours before the doors open. Performers are asked to email name, age, tech needs, genre, the number of performers in the act, and any additional performance info to andrew@earlsmithstrand.org and confirmations will be returned with performance time.

There are 20 slots per night. Each performance will be limited to a two-song or eight-minute performance. No drum kits, effects pedals, or tracking allowed and group performances may not exceed four members. The Strand will provide two ¼ inch guitar cables, two XLR Mic Cables, two Shure SM58 Vocal Mics, Mic Stands, Keyboard and a PA system.

Summer Camp at The Strand

Staff Writer Katie Pflugradt

The Earl Smith Strand Theatre is launching a new musical theatre camp called *Performula: A Musical Theatre Laboratory*. Students will focus on music, dance, and drama in this week-long camp, culminating in a Friday night performance on The Strand's Stephen W. Imler Stage.

"The *Performula* concept will be based upon active participation by each of the campers as they experience what is involved with becoming a trained performer," said Earl Reece, Strand executive director and camp director. "They will accomplish a great deal in 15 hours!"

Performula camp was developed by Strand Executive Director Earl Reece. The former educator-turned-theatre director served as the director of the Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts at Pebblebrook High School for 14 years, significantly growing the program while preparing students for the real world of performing



arts. Under his leadership, graduates of the Pebblebrook program secured millions in scholarships to a long list of prestigious universities and performed on Broadway in close to 30 shows and in numerous national tours.

Each camp session lasts for five half-days, Monday through Friday. Students can sign up for a week-long session July 11-15 or July 25-29. Students will be grouped by grade level, with rising fourth through rising seventh grade from 9 a.m. to noon, and rising eighth through twelfth grade from 1 to 4 p.m.

The price is \$150 per student and only 50 spots are available per age group per week. Camp reservations can be made by faxing/mailling the forms available at www.EarlSmithStrand.org to The Strand or in person at The Strand box office Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m. Full payment is due at the time of sign-up.

You Take the Stage



Photos by Renee Brock



Saying “I Do” at The Strand

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By Kim Nogi

Wedding bells are ringing at the Earl Smith Strand Theatre as the venue continues to offer more than just movies.

On May 30, 2009, Tyler Richardson and Jamie Savincki made history as the first couple to tie the knot on the stage of Marietta Square’s Strand Theatre.

“It was a day that I will always remember and I know that my friends and family will, too,” said Savincki-Richardson, a native of Marietta.

Jamie and Tyler met when performing in a stage show together. In honor of their first meeting, the couple decided to get married onstage. After hearing about the renovation of The Strand, they chose to have their wedding at the theatre because of the festive ambiance and the large capacity of the venue.

“The atmosphere was elegant but also casual and relaxed,” said Savincki-Richardson. “It was perfect.”

The art deco theatre provided a unique atmosphere for the

wedding, with music performed on the theatre’s organ by Ira Pitman, the organist of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church.

On the day of the ceremony, the historic theatre’s 1930s replica marquee proclaimed “Congratulations Tyler and Jamie Richardson” to all visitors to the square.

“Out of all the wedding ceremonies I’ve conducted, this is the best facility for a ceremony outside of a church,” said Dr. Jim Bradshaw, the officiant of the ceremony.

Father and mother of the bride, Stanley and Joyce Savincki, welcomed more than 200 guests to the wedding. The reception took place in both of The Strand’s charming event rooms, boasting coffered ceilings, etched windows and teardrop chandeliers rescued from a historic hotel in Atlanta. Guests also enjoyed an excellent view of Marietta Square, Glover Park, and Kennesaw Mountain from the theatre’s rooftop “Cobb Terrace.”

“The facilities met our needs perfectly and the staff was very professional, attentive and helpful,” said Stanley Savincki. “I don’t think it could have been any better.”

Since this May 2009 wedding, 13 couples have tied the knot at The Strand and over 30 have cut the cake in the private event space.

In addition to weddings and wedding receptions, the venue is commonly used for rehearsal dinners, wedding receptions, holiday parties, art shows, corporate workshops, lectures and other events. The theatre offers catering from a variety of vendors, including Carriage House Catering, Gabriel's Desserts, Dave Poe's BBQ, and Sugar Cakes.

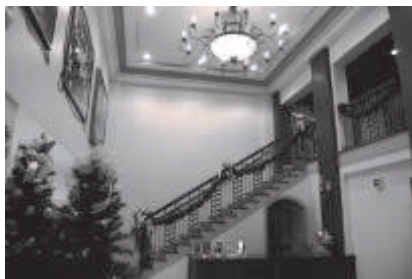
All renters of any of the theatre's event spaces are eligible for a 10% discount on engraved bricks and commemorative theatre seats.

The historic Earl Smith Strand Theatre in Marietta, Ga. is dedicated to showcasing all forms of art – film, stage productions, concerts, theatre organ concerts, festivals, televised events, fashion shows, art shows, and private events. The 1935 theatre reopened in January 2009 after seven years of renovation efforts with the help of Friends of the Strand, Inc., a devoted group of community leaders. The Strand aims to enhance the cultural fabric of the Marietta community through the presentation of the finest arts possible while supporting the advancement of arts education.

More information is available at www.EarlSmithStrand.org or 770-293-0080. The Earl Smith Strand Theatre is located at 117 North Park Square in Marietta.



Above: The grand curtain of red velvet makes for a theatrical backdrop! The rooftop terrace hosted reception activities including dancing and a bouquet toss.



Holiday Nights & Lights in Marietta

Staff Writer Penny Mazelle Webster

The Earl Smith Strand Theatre is an enchanting setting for magical holiday socials. Every year, local companies host their holiday cocktail parties, luncheons, and dinners in special event rooms at the historic Strand Theatre. The view from The Strand's rooftop of downtown Marietta buildings illuminated with thousands of white Christmas lights, luminaries

perching on the park's pavers, white snowflakes on the street lamps, and the Glover Park Christmas tree is truly magical. One patron once compared herself to Cinderella when taking in the sights.

The Cobb County Medical Society was the first organization to host a private party at The Strand in November of 2008, before The Strand was officially open. The yearly get-together at the theatre has been an annual holiday tradition for the doctors' group ever since.

Society Executive Director Joanne Thurston says The Strand is a spectacular setting for a holiday event **because of the theatre's convenient location, the patio overlooking the Marietta Square, and the "holiday feeling" in Glover Park.**

In addition to holiday events, The Strand is a popular venue for wed-

dings, rehearsal dinners, receptions, birthday and anniversary parties, corporate retreats, and fundraisers. Party hosts enjoy the choice of catering from several proven vendors that ensure the best quality food and service, including Carriage House Catering, Dave Poe's BBQ, Gabriel's Desserts, and Sugar Cakes Patisserie.

Celebrate the holidays with your company, colleagues, and clients at The Strand this year. Holiday cocktail party space rental begins at \$1,000 and luncheons start as low as \$300. Detailed rates, catering, and bar information is available at by contacting Andrew Cole, Strand events manager, at 770-293-0080, ext. 286 or emailing Andrew@EarlSmithStrand.org. More information about room capacity is available by visiting www.EarlSmithStrand.org and clicking on "Event Room Rental" on the left.

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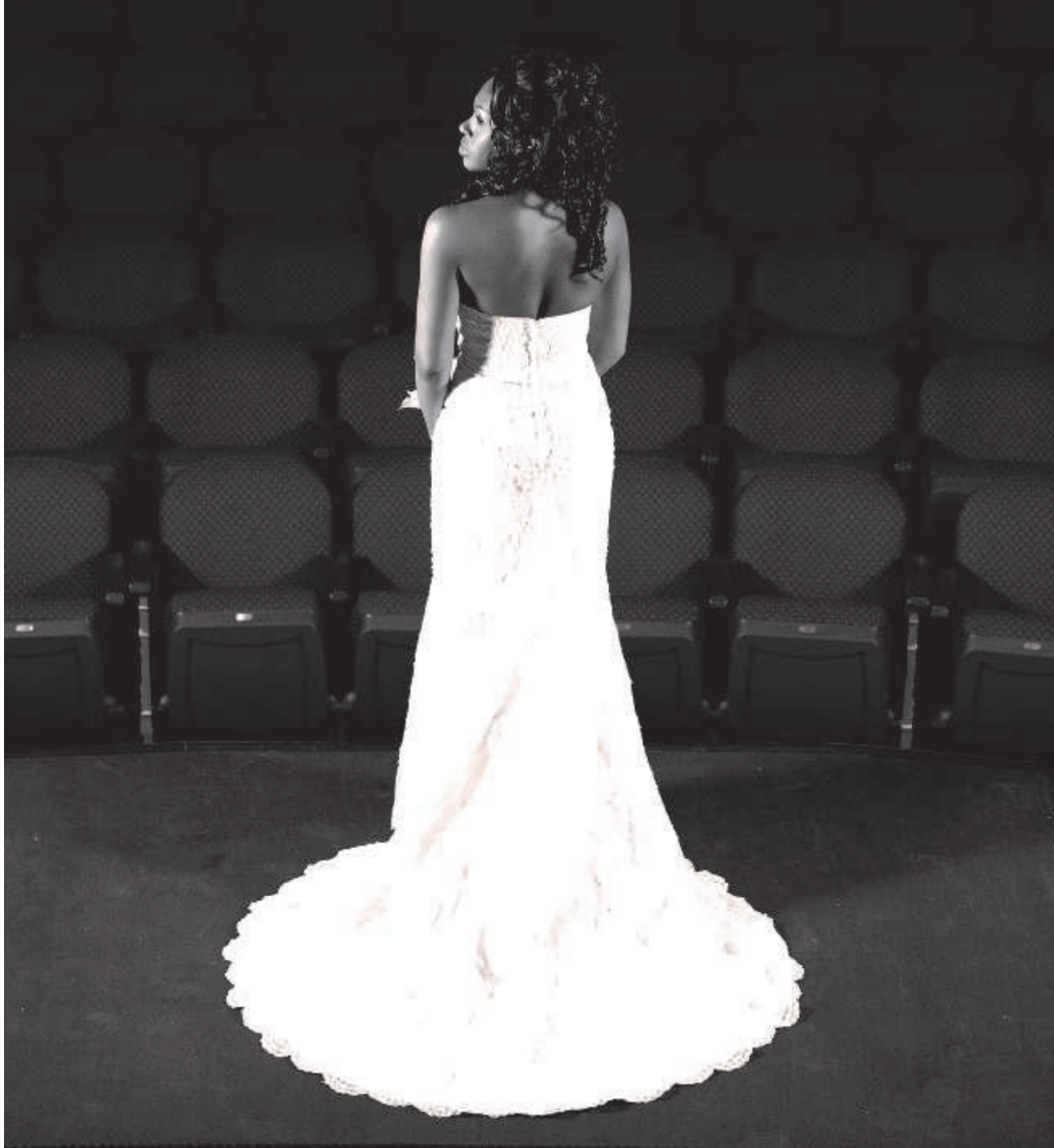
A Theatrical Backdrop Strand open for photo shoots

Staff writer Christy Rosell

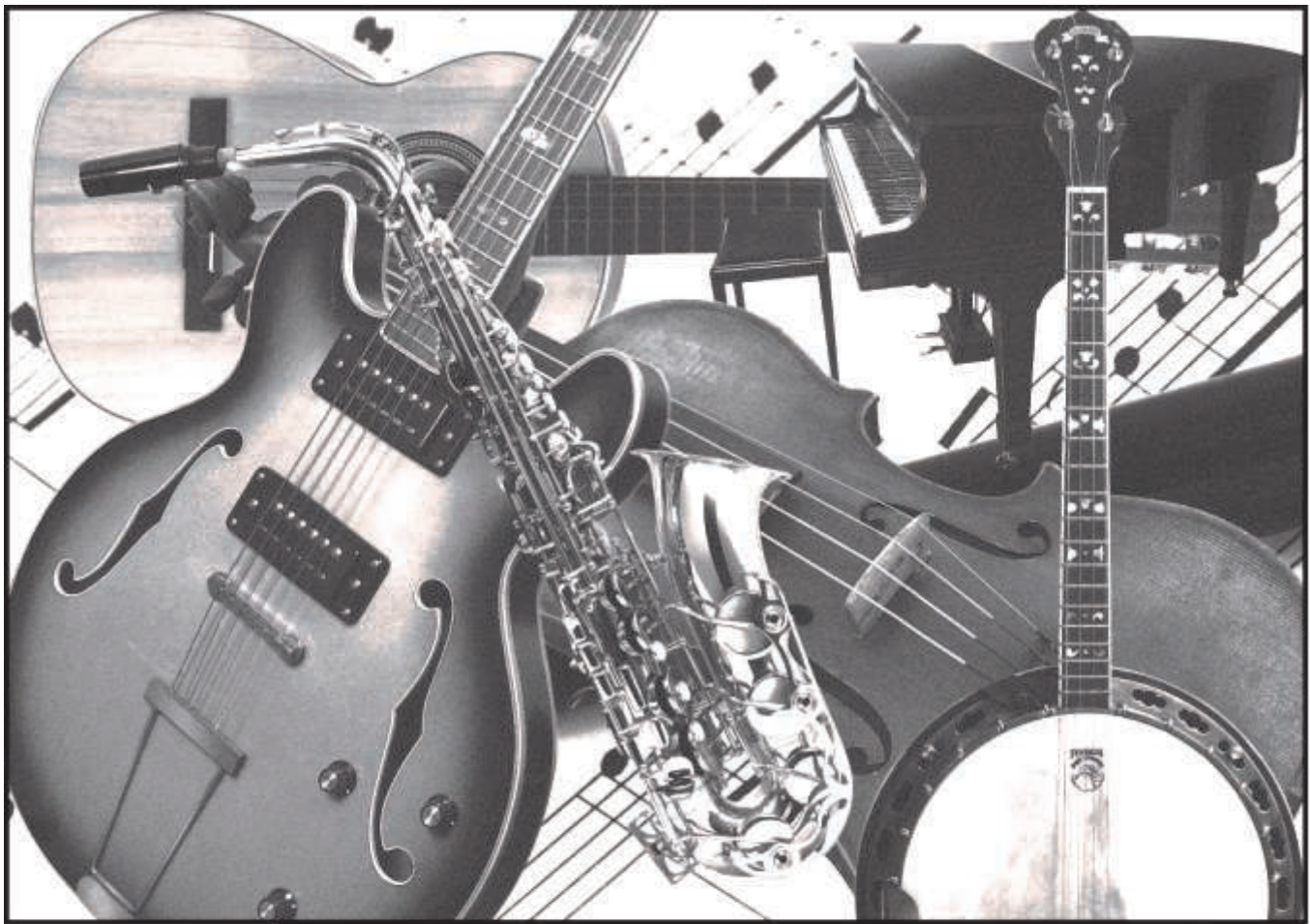
Stacy Ann Davidson, a bride whose wedding was in the Caribbean this spring, wanted a more dramatic backdrop for her wedding dress photos. The Strand was the perfect setting for Stacy's classic gown and Spanish veil, captured by wedding photographer Cayce Callaway, who can be found at www.caycecallaway.com.

High school seniors, newly engaged couples, and brides are always looking for a dramatic backdrop for their special photos, and the Earl Smith Strand Theatre has become a popular place to capture those moments. The Strand offers use of the entire facility for one-hour photography sessions for \$200, subject to availability (photographer not included). Photo sessions can be scheduled up to two months in advance with Andrew Cole by emailing Andrew@EarlSmithStrand.org or calling 770-293-0080, ext. 286.

See these photos and more in color on The Strand's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/EarlSmithStrand.



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Strand Music Series

Compiled by staff writer Katie Pflugradt



Blair Crimmins & the Hookers. Friday, July 8, 2011, 8 p.m. Crimmins and his Hookers return to The Strand as demanded by their Marietta fans. They may be based in Cabbagetown, Atlanta but their music pulls on the addictive styles of New Orleans jazz. Blair Crimmins' sound is a unique blend of gritty ragtime and '20s and '30s swing with clever lyrics and contemporary style. The band has eclectic orchestrations featuring any combination of saxophones, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, accordion, banjo, guitar, bass, organ, and auxiliary percussion. All ages. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.



The Sock Hops. Saturday, July 23, 2011, 8 p.m. From The Four Seasons to The Four Tops, from The Temptations to The Tokens, The Sock Hops specialize in the four-part harmonies of audiences' favorites from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. Patrons will sway, jive, and boogie to hits such as *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*, *Blue Moon*, *Runaround Sue*, *Little Darlin'*, and *How Deep is Your Love?* All ages. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.



Burt & The Bandits. Saturday, July 30, 2011, 8 p.m. Burt & The Bandits, a new Atlanta-based show band with proven Atlanta performers, is bringing that Southern-fried country fun back to the stage with songs audiences know by heart. The set list plays like a honky-tonk jukebox featuring the music of iconic country legends: Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Jerry Reed, Charlie Daniels, Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, George Jones, and the list goes on. Each member of this four-piece band performs dressed as characters from the film, *Smokey & The Bandit*. The Bandit himself leads the charge on vocals. Sheriff Buford T. Justice is close behind on the drums, his flashing blue lights illuminating the stage. The Snowman handles lead guitar while Big Enos Burdette, decked out in rhinestones, tickles the ivories and plays keyboard and bass. All ages. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.



A1A Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show with Jeff Pike. Friday, August 5, 2011, 8 p.m. Let this energetic, outrageously fun Buffett band whisk you away to a beach where it's 5 o'clock and there's a margarita somewhere. Since 1992, A1A has been internationally recognized as the Official and Original Jimmy Buffet Tribute Show and the only band sanctioned by Jimmy Buffett himself. Be prepared to have your fins in the air, congas in a line, warm breeze in your face and sand between your toes while A1A brings the Caribbean to you. Ages 18+. Tickets are \$12 in advance & \$15 at the door.



The Whiskey Gentry. Saturday, August 20, 2011, 8 p.m. Formed in the spring of 2009, The Whiskey Gentry is a band of Atlanta misfits that defy categorization in Atlanta's music market. From bluegrass to punk to gospel to outlaw country to old-time rock and roll, The Whiskey Gentry combine accomplished musicianship with high-energy stage shows that are sure to provide a night of pickin' and dancin' in Marietta. The Whiskey Gentry is a motley crew full of experienced and hungry musicians from all walks of life with a few very important things in common: the desire to play good music, have fun, and entertain folks. All ages. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.



The Packway Handle Band. Friday, October 7, 2011, 8 p.m. Patrons are sure to enjoy a night of "alternative bluegrass" at The Packway Handle Band's show, where they'll hear thought-provoking song-writing and clever arrangements of bluegrass traditionals, all delivered with crackling energy. The Packway Handle Band emerged from a small bluegrass scene in Athens, Georgia in 2001, finding national acclaim first as finalists at the Telluride bluegrass competition in 2002 and 2003, and then taking second place in 2004. The Packway Handle Band has been on a roll since its 2003 debut album and is continuing to win over fans and rack up awards, traveling often and performing 200 shows a year. All ages. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.



Yacht Rock Revue. Friday, November 18, 2011, 8 p.m. The Yacht Rock Revue pays tribute to the smooth hits of the late '70s including Michael McDonald, Hall & Oates, and Steely Dan. The Yacht Rock Revue picked up three awards in the 2010 *Creative Loafing* Best of Atlanta: The Critics Pick for "Best Excuse to get Drunk with your Dad" and the Readers Pick for "Best Local Overall Music Act" and "Best Cover Band." If that wasn't enough praise, the *Sunday Paper* listed them as the one of the 100 most influential people, groups, and places in Atlanta. Ages 18+. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.



Please Please Rock Me (Beatles/Pink Floyd Tribute). Saturday, November 19, 2011, 8 p.m. Members of the Yacht Rock Revue present their alter-ego, **Please Please Rock Me**, performing the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* and Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon* - both albums in their entirety from start to finish. These two albums defined the limitless boundaries of recording techniques and innovation. The REMakes, Atlanta's best tribute to Georgia's own R.E.M., will open the show by performing their 1987 release, *Document*. At #41 on *Rolling Stone* magazine's Top 100 albums of the '80s, this is the record that launched the Athens natives to platinum status. All ages. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.



Jeffrey Bützer and T.T Mahony Present Vince Guaraldi's A Charlie Brown Christmas. Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Jeffrey Butzer and T.T. Mahoney present a jazzy musical tribute to Vince Guaraldi's *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Special guests, Sorry No Ferrari, perform *The Ventures Christmas Album* - the season's favorites with a taste of '60s surf. *Creative Loafing* deemed this show "A New Christmas Tradition" in 2010 and all shows were packed - don't wait to get your tickets. All ages. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

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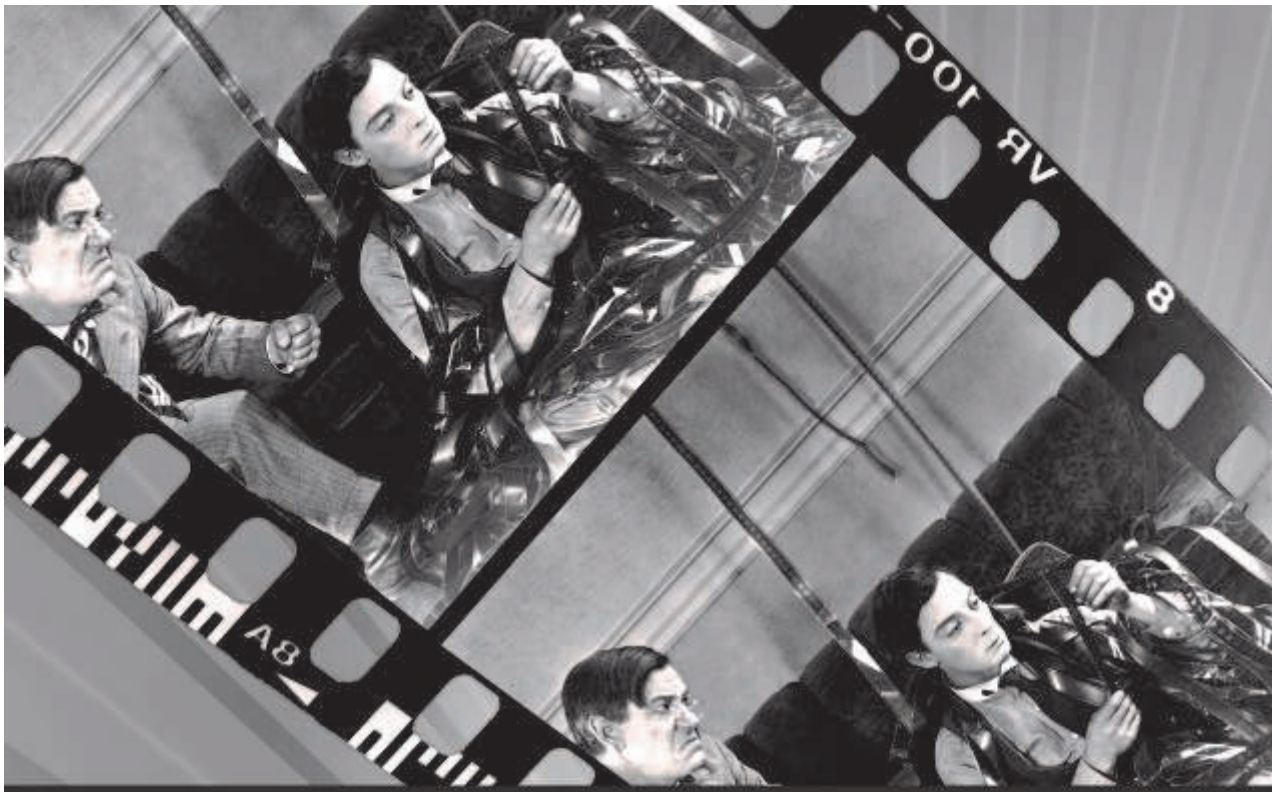
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A portrait of Earl Smith by Eduin Rosell hangs in The Strand's lobby, commemorating the chairman's contributions.

A Double Feature

Staff writer Christy Rosell

A packed house of Earl Smith Strand Theatre supporters attended *A Double Feature* fundraising gala, where guests enjoyed big entertainment. Surprise guest, Larry Gatlin of the Gatlin Brothers, sang *Happy Birthday* and a few of his Top 50 hits to Strand Chair Earl Smith, who turned 80 and to The Strand, which was celebrating its two-year anniversary since the \$5.7 million renovation and grand reopening.

Along with birthday confetti shooting out of cannons, a champagne toast, and

artful birthday cake by Gabriel's Desserts, The Strand's guests enjoyed high energy entertainment on the Stephen W. Imler stage featuring Livin' Large, Dance Stop Studios, Pebblebrook's ComPAny, and live organ music by Ron Carter. Artist Eduin Rosell donated a painting of Earl Smith to The Strand to remember and honor all of Smith's efforts in bringing The Strand to life. And a delicious spread of hors d'oeuvres was provided by Carriage House Catering and elegant floral arrangements were designed by Martha Leatherwood. This event was made possible in part by presenting sponsor Ticket Biscuit, Delta Community Credit



Union, and Terry Chandler. Thank you for all your wonderful birthday wishes for The Strand - it has truly been a wonderful two years and the Big Three is just around the corner!

Celebrate America at Your Local Historic Theatre

Staff writer Christy Rosell

One of America's greatest pastimes is grabbing a warm, buttery popcorn and a Co-Cola and taking in a Hollywood flick at your classic neighborhood theatre. This Fourth of July weekend, you have an opportunity to celebrate your independence at the historic Earl Smith Strand Theatre, whether you prefer the high energy of a live show, a patriotic parade, or watching a striking fireworks display unfold.

Motown, America's Music

Theatre lovers won't get enough of *Tribute to Motown*, a musical revue at The Strand July 1-4. Performers will add a patriotic twist to a show centered around Motown classics like *Stop in the Name of Love* and *My Girl*. For more information on this show, please see the article below.

The Sky's the Limit

If fireworks are where it's at, The Strand's festive terrace is a fab venue to see the sky light up on July 4. Guests enjoy watching Marietta's dazzling fireworks from the fourth level Cobb Terrace with a cocktail in hand. The view of thousands of people in the square's streets is pretty unbelievable too. The fireworks will light the sky after dark, estimated to be between 8:30 and 9 p.m. and the doors and bar will open at 6 p.m. *Cobb Life Magazine* recently named the terrace the "Best Place to See & Be Seen." Admission is \$15 and will be limited to 120 people.



Johnny Walker Photography

Parading Patriotics

On the morning of Monday, July 4, parade-watchers can perch on The Strand's rooftop, enjoying a *Bird's Eye Parade View* of the floats, marching bands, beauty queens, and military outfits featured in this year's *Freedom Parade* by City of Marietta. A cash bar will include Bloody Marys, Mimosas, Screwdrivers, and other morning beverages. Only 100 people will enjoy The Strand's lofty view and admission is \$10. It is recommended that guests purchase tickets in advance as the event has sold out the past two years.

Celebrate America's Independence with Motown's Soulful Sounds

Staff Writer Penny Mazelle Webster

The Earl Smith Strand Theatre is bringing Motown to Marietta this Fourth of July weekend featuring hits by Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, and a host of Motown greats.

"Our focus for Independence Day weekend this year is to celebrate music born in America, music still alive today," said Earl Reece, Strand director and show producer/director. "We've been enjoying Motown music for over 50 years, and still, young people today know the words to songs like *My Girl* and *Stop in the Name of Love*. Motown is truly America's music."

The Strand's *Tribute to Motown* musical revue will be a

non-stop salute to some of the best music in the history of America. The show will tell the story of the



origins of Motown, starting when Berry Gordy opened Motown Records in 1959 and posted a sign that proclaimed "Hitsville, U.S.A." There wasn't much of a reason to brag - yet. But soon his prediction came true. Emerging at the peak of the civil rights movement, Motown gave Americans everything they could want in music: anguish, romance, joy, and a reason to dance.

Tribute to Motown promises to be a show filled with fun and exciting memories of extraordinary Motown sounds. Patrons can move, dance, laugh, and romance to the vibes of Motown, Friday and Saturday, July 1 & 2 at 8 p.m. and Sunday and Monday, July 3 & 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets are only \$12 in advance and \$15 day of show.

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STRAND 2011 Galleries to feature Seasoned & Secret Artists

Staff writer Manda Costoulas

The Earl Smith Strand Theatre opened its doors for another exciting season showcasing local artists. The second floor event room and gallery will feature a different exhibit each month, including work by artists Merrilyn Eastham, Dick Yarbrough, Linda Flournoy, Claire Dunaway, Frank Buckner, David Swann, and Dianne Isakson. Both Merrilyn Eastham and Dick Yarbrough are showcasing their work in public for the first time, perhaps surprising colleagues and friends who had no idea about their artistic talents!

"Each year, we look forward to showcasing the work of local artists at The Strand," said Earl Reece, executive director at The Strand. "When Theresa Jenkins, the Executive Director of the Marietta Welcome Center, formed a First Friday Art Walk committee and asked me to be a part of it, I agreed enthusiastically. Since our first year, this program has continued to grow into a highly anticipated showcase of the visual arts. Cobb County has a strong arts community, and we are proud to be a part of it."

The Strand gallery is open during events and Monday through Thursday during box office hours, free of charge. The opening night of each gallery is concurrent with Art Walk, a free self-guided tour of the Marietta Square's eclectic art scene. Here is more information on each of The Strand's featured artists:

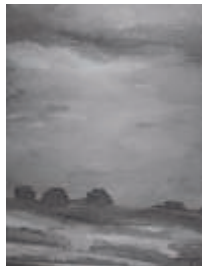
David Swann. May 6-29. Self-taught artist and commercial designer, photographer, and writer living and working in Atlanta, Georgia and



Paris, Italy, David Swann has shown work throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. His unique conceptual art pieces and photo-illustrations have appeared in magazines, ads, brochures, and other publi-

cations world-wide; and his fine art works-on-paper and mixed-media works-on-canvas are in several private collections. His focus for The Strand's gallery show is works of neo-surrealism. A selection of his work can be viewed at www.dswann.com. The opening night of the gallery will fall on the first Friday of the month in conjunction with Art Walk, May 6 from 5-9 p.m.

Frank Buckner. June 3-26. A Georgia native, Frank Buckner began drawing and sketching at an early age. But his love of painting grew from a trip to



the mountains and his wife's gift to him of brushes and paints. Today, his work continues to evolve, but color is still what intrigues the self-taught artist. **Buckner's art consists of** a mix of bold colors and compelling shapes and can be found in private and corporate collections throughout the country. The artist credits his wife of 42 years, and his "favorite collector" for inspiring him to cultivate his passion. The opening night of the gallery will fall on the first Friday of the month in conjunction with Art Walk, June 3rd from 5-9 p.m.

Dick Yarbrough. July 1-31. Four years ago, Dick Yarbrough discovered a new love of painting through the encouragement of a neighbor, artist



Bootsie Callaham, and gifted art instructor Kristopher Meadows of Marietta. After retiring as vice president of BellSouth Corporation and then as a managing director of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, Dick Yarbrough began a third career as a syndicated newspaper columnist with no shortage of strong opinions. His personality shows through in his art; his paintings feature strong brushstrokes and a confident composition. The opening night of the gallery will fall on the first Friday of the month in conjunction with Art Walk, July 1 from 5-9 p.m.

Linda Flournoy. August 5-28. The award-winning artist Linda Flournoy is a native of Oklahoma and was educated at Oklahoma State University with a Fine Arts major. In recent years, she has traveled a new direction with her art and has focused on painting marshes she photographed in St. Simons Island and South Africa, as well as Italian landscapes. Her medium of choice is oil on canvas. The opening night of the gallery will fall on the first Friday of the month in conjunction with Art Walk, August 5 from 5-9 p.m.



Claire Dunaway. September 2 – October 1. Marietta native artist and teacher, Claire Dunaway has drawn inspiration from her travels, as well as family, canine camaraderie, faith, history, the great outdoors, and 800 elementary school students. With a B.A. in Fine Arts from Presbyterian College and an M.A.E.D. from the University of Phoenix, Dunaway works in charcoal, pastels, encaustic, and paint, sometimes venturing into photography, sculpture with ceramics, and printmaking. To learn more, visit www.ClaireDunaway.com, which features art, links to Facebook, and links to Etsy, which features jewelry and hand-printed clothing by Claire. The opening night of the gallery will fall on the first Friday of the month in conjunction with Art Walk, September 2 from 5-9 p.m.



Dianne Isakson. October 7-31. Self-taught watercolorist Dianne Isakson has taken advantage of the fine art instruction available at community art centers and workshops. **Isakson's art has been** displayed at the Georgia Heritage Center for the Arts in Tallula, Ga., Theatre in the Square and Frameworks Gallery in Marietta, Ga., and Burton Gallery in Clarkesville, Ga. The opening night of the gallery will fall on the first Friday of the month in conjunction with Art Walk, October 7 from 5-9 p.m.



See Great Art at Marietta's First Friday Art Walk

Art Walk is a free self-guided tour of the Marietta Square's eclectic art scene. Galleries, museums, cultural venues, restaurants, and boutiques host artists within their businesses from 5 to 9 p.m. on the first Friday of every month through October, rain or shine.



Look for an official Art Walk banner in the window to identify the participating venues. Choose your own route, or begin at Art Walk's Headquarters at "Artist's Alley," the warehouse space at DuPre's Antique Market located at 17 Whitlock Ave (next door to Theatre in the Square). Participants will receive a map with the locations of participating venues, and will get them stamped at each location. For more information about Marietta's First Friday Art Walk, visit www.artwalkmarietta.com.

Merrilyn Eastham
In April, The Strand staff was pleased to feature the work of Marietta native Merrilyn Eastham, who uses watercolor as a medium to paint vibrant landscapes, floral subjects,



and even some architectural scenes. She graduated from Wesleyan College with a double major in religion and music and went on to earn a Master of Arts in Religion at Boston University. As a young woman, Eastham also used the piano as an artistic medium, teaching upwards of sixty students. The one-woman show of her work at the Earl Smith Strand Theatre was the first time her work has been publicly displayed and over 200 people turned out for her opening night gallery! Merrilyn auctioned a piece of her work off that evening and donated \$400 to The Strand. Thank you, Merrilyn, from the entire staff!

Silent Film Series: The Movies

Staff Writer Manda Costoulas

The Earl Smith Strand brings to the big screen classic favorites in romance, comedy, sing-alongs, and children's flicks as well as stepping back in time to relive the 1920's with a movie series featuring the very best of the Silent Era.

Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans (1927) (Not Rated). Sunday, May 15, 3pm. In this fable-morality subtitled "A Song of Two Humans", the "evil" temptress is a city woman who bewitches farmer Anses and convinces him to murder his neglected wife, Indre. One of the last silent films of the era, Sunrise is an Academy Award winning film called the Citizen Kane of American silent cinema. Live organ pops variety show and sing-along at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for children, students, and seniors.

Great Comedy Shorts (Not Rated). Sunday Jul 17, 3pm. The Strand brings the greatest silent film comedians to one screen for an afternoon of laughs featuring film shorts

with Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, and Harold Lloyd. Live organ pops variety show and sing-along at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for children, students, and seniors.

Charlie Chaplin: In an impressive seventy-year career with a plethora of movies being nominated and winning Oscars, Charlie Chaplin's career is unmatched as a writer, actor, director, producer, and composer.

Buster Keaton: Buster Keaton was an American comic actor and filmmaker best known for his silent films, in which his trademark was physical comedy with a consistently stoic, deadpan expression.

Harold Lloyd: Lloyd made nearly 200 comedy films, and was best known for his "Glasses Character", a resourceful, success-seeking go-getter who was perfectly in tune with 1920s era America.

Flesh and the Devil (1926) (Not Rated). Sunday, August 28, 3pm. Two lifelong friends Leo (John Gilbert) and Ulrich (Lars Hanson) have their friendship tested by the irresistible vixen Felicitas (Greta Garbo). A breathtaking romance fraught with passion and betrayal, Flesh and the Devil is a dramatic gem of the Silent Era starring Greta Garbo in

her first American appearance. Live organ pops variety show and sing-along at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for children, students, and seniors.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1920) (Not Rated). Sunday, October 01, 3pm. Dr. Henry Jekyll experiments with scientific means of revealing the hidden, dark side of man and releases a murderer from within himself in this silent thriller. This 1920 film starring John Barrymore thrills as it explores the duality of man in a chilling tale that delves into both science and morality to create a lasting tribute to the Robert Louis Stevenson story. Live organ pops variety show and sing-along at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for children, students, and seniors.

SILENT FILM SERIES



Relive the 1920s at The Strand with Great Silents on the Silver Screen

Staff Writer Manda Costoulas

Patrons of the Earl Smith Strand Theatre will step back in time to relive the 1920s with a movie series featuring the very best of the silent era: *Sunrise: A Tale of Two Humans* (May 15); *Silent Comedy Shorts with Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin, and Harold Lloyd* (July 17); *Flesh and the Devil* (Aug 28), and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Oct 30). In the early days of cinema, going to the movies was a way to experience escapism from reality and to daydream about other worlds.

"The common man would enter the theatre palace of splendor, be ushered to a cushioned seat by an usher with military bearing, and feel like royalty," said Ron Carter, Strand board member, Strand organist, and active member of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society.

Patrons will also feel like royalty when they first enter the lobby with beautiful plastered walls, an antique chandelier, and gold leaf designs. Movie goers enter the auditorium through copper palatial doors, enjoying hand-painted end standards on plush theatre seats, golden columns, and a historic proscenium arch above the movie screen.

The silent movies will feature organ accompaniment – nothing quite compares to a live soundtrack by Ron Carter on The Strand's Mighty Allen Theatre Organ. The Strand is one of only four historic theatres in the state of Georgia with the ability to showcase silent films with live organ accompaniment. As Carter says, "Silent films were never really silent!"

Another feature that makes seeing a movie at The Strand a unique experience is concessions. Not only can patrons enjoy the more traditional snacks of popcorn, candy, and Coca-Cola during the show, but a wine, beer, or mixed drink makes the experience feel a little more special than it does in a traditional movie theater.

Ron Carter, Award-Winning Organist

Staff Writer Sam Jacobsen

Strand organist Ron Carter was awarded the 2010 Ovation Award for Outstanding Instrumentalist last October. The Cobb Arts Board annually recognizes individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to the arts in Cobb County.

Ron is The Strand's house organist, volunteering countless hours to plan, produce, and compose music for silent movie accompaniment and pops variety pre-shows, as well as maintaining The Strand's Mighty Allen Theatre Organ throughout the year. He is also the house organist for the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in Decatur, Georgia. A member of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society and organ consultant for Allen Organ Studios of Atlanta, Ron has been involved in several theatre organ installations. The award-winning performer even expanded his home for his personal theatre organ along with a projector and screen for silent movie showings for friends and family.

Ron was a founding member of the Friends of The Strand board and continues to serve as secretary to the board as well as chair of the theatre's facilities committee. His involvement with The Strand has remained tireless and instrumental. Thank you, Ron, for all you do to make The Strand a great place for patrons.

LIVE MUSIC RETURNS TO BREW WITH A VIEW

Staff writer *Melissa Martin*

The sun is coming out and warming up Marietta. It can only mean one thing—it's time for a new series of Brew with a View. **The Strand's popular series is back with plenty of live music to keep you swaying in the summer breeze.**

This summer, The Strand has a line-up of local artists with a range of music for everyone.

Acorn Ridge band members Chris Barber and Brian Rosen are one of the acts set to play this June and July. Known as the Brothers of the Ridge, Chris and Brian are a grassroots version of the rock/blues band that has been on the Atlanta scene since 2008. The catchy licks and solid grooves of their original material mixed in with classic favorites always makes for a great evening of music.

"Brian and I are ecstatic about returning to the rooftop terrace for Brew with a View," said Chris Barber of Brothers of the Ridge. **"Brew is such a great way for local musicians to showcase their music in an intimate setting. It is an honor to participate in the relaxing, yet fun evenings of interacting with the folks of our community. We look forward to seeing you all there for our shows this summer!"** Chris was a member of the original re-opening staff at The Strand and continues to be involved as a musician and patron.

Chase Fifty Six will also grace The Strand's terrace May 28 with their quest to blanket the South with "Georgia Rock." Blistering a bit of rockin' alt-country and a bit of moodier folk rock and Americana, Chase Fifty Six will have you itching for a trip down south with a mix of guitar, harmonica, banjo, and percussions.

Geisha Hit Squad is an Atlanta based alternative band and the latest musical endeavor led by songwriter, guitarist, and vocalist Eric Jennings set to play June 4. Currently acoustically driven, his lyrics have been called disarming, insightful, and thought provoking.

Kennesaw-based singer/songwriter Collier Daily performed at Brew earlier this

summer and is back June 18! Daily's sound is a unique mix of country and pop with raw lyrics and a personal nature to his music.

New Jersey native and blues singer/songwriter **Roger "Hurricane" Wilson** tells a story with every song—some in folk, some in country, and some in the blues. Largely influenced by Duane Allman, Les Paul, and **BB King, Wilson's sound and tone will have your toes tapping and heads nodding along to the beat on July 3 and Aug 5.**

Pocket the Moon is an indie/alternative band from Atlanta, Georgia, consisting of Sara Crawford and Geoff Goodwin. Sara was voted Best Local Songwriter of 2010 in *Creative Loafing*. Combining soulful vocal melodies with layered and skilled instrumentation, Pocket the Moon will produce a unique and mellow sound on July 16.

Sydney Eloise and her guitar are a refreshing new talent from Atlanta with witty, clever, and tuned-in storytelling that will give you the chills on July 16.

A young, energetic rock band from Atlanta, The Head, Jacob Morrell and twin brothers Jack and Mike Shaw, is a power-pop powerhouse with lush guitar and piano interplay that can be found on the terrace this August.

Attorney and former Cobb County Assistant D.A., Bert Reeves and his guitar will inspire you to sing along with your favorite rock covers including songs from Dave Matthews Band, David Gray, Counting Crows and John Mayer this August.



Dustin Barclay performed at the April 16th Brew With a View.

Photo by Chris Gill.

More about Brew

At the popular Brew with a View, meet with friends and enjoy a beverage and an incredible view of Glover Park and Kennesaw Mountain from the Cobb Terrace on The Strand's rooftop. Brew with a View was listed in "25 Things to do in 2011" by *Points North Magazine*; the terrace was named "Best Place to See & Be Seen" by *Cobb Life Magazine* in 2010; and Brew with a View was included in "43 Things to do in Cobb" in *Cobb Life* in 2010. Beer, wine, and mixed drinks are available for patrons' enjoyment. Cash and credit accepted at the bar. There is no cover charge or age limit, **but of course it's 21+ to drink.**

Artists interested in playing the Brew can contact Melissa Martin at 770-293-0080 or melissa@earlsmithstrand.org.

Live Music on Select Brew Dates

May

5/1 - Brew with a View: Taste of Marietta (12-7 PM)
5/20 - Brew with a View (With live music by Brothers of the Ridge)
5/21 - Brew with a View
5/27 - Brew with a View & Glover Park Concert Series (6-10 PM)
5/28 - Brew with a View (With live music by Chase Fifty Six)

June

6/4 - Brew with a View (With live music by Geisha Hit Squad)
6/11 - Brew with a View &

Wing'n'Rock Fest

6/17 - Brew with a View (With live music by Brothers of the Ridge)
6/18 - Brew with a View (With live music by Collier Daily)
6/25 - Brew with a View

July

7/1 - Brew with a View (5-10 PM); Art Walk feat. Dick Yarbrough (6-9 PM)
7/2 - Brew with a View
7/3 - Brew with a View (6-10 PM) (This is Sunday evening of Independence Day) (With live music by Hurricane Wilson)
7/8 - Brew with a View (With live music by Brothers of the Ridge)
7/15 - Brew with a View
7/16 - Brew with a View (With live music by Marc Lawson, Sydney Eloise, & Pocket the Moon)

7/22 - Brew with a View
7/23 - Brew with a View (With live music by Chase Fifty Six)
7/29 - Brew with a View & Glover Park Concert
7/30 - Brew with a View

August

8/5 - Brew with a View (5-10 PM); Art Walk feat. Linda Flournoy (6-9 PM) (With live music by Hurricane Wilson)
8/12 - Brew with a View
8/13 - Brew with a View (With live music by The Head)
8/19 - Brew with a View (With live music by Bert Reeves)
8/20 - Brew with a View
8/26 - Brew with a View & Glover Park Concert
8/27 - Brew with a View

**Dates subject to change. Please check website or call the box office to verify.*

Lyric Announces '11-12 Musical Season

The Atlanta Lyric Theatre, the 2010 recipient of the Suzi Bass Award for Best Musical, will produce five fantastic shows on The Strand's Steve W. Imler Stage this year: the high-spirited musical romp *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, everyone's favorite *The Sound of Music*, the rollicking Fats Waller revue ***Ain't Misbehavin'***, the Atlanta premiere of the lush romantic musical *The Light in the Piazza*, and the much-loved American classic *Gypsy*.

The current season of musicals isn't quite yet over. Patrons can still catch *Rent* on The Strand's stage this June. *Rent* is a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning Broadway musical based loosely on Puccini's opera *La Bohème*. The musical follows a year in the lives of seven friends living in the disappearing Bohemian lifestyle of the East Village when tragedy hits and the love they share embodies their lives. *Rent* celebrates love, diversity, and friendship, as demonstrated through the musical's signature song, *Seasons of Love*.



A five-time Tony Awards winner including best musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* is a zany 1920's story that follows young Millie Dillmount, a country girl in the big city. She finds New York full of intrigue and jazz - a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever.



The lush romantic musical *The Light in the Piazza*, winner of six Tony Awards, will whisk audiences away to Italy in the summer of 1953. A business man's wife tours the countryside with her daughter who falls for a young Florentine boy. But mother knows a secret - should she talk or let fate run its course?



The final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein, *The Sound of Music* was destined to become the world's most beloved musical. When a nun proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain, and gradually falls in love with him. But the honeymoon is cut short as Austria is invaded by Nazis.



Gypsy is considered by many the greatest American musical ever, loosely based on the 1957 memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, the famous striptease artist. *Gypsy* follows the dreams and efforts of a mama raising two daughters in show business. The musical contains popular standards including *Small World*, *Everything's Coming up Roses*, *Some People*, and *Let Me Entertain You*.



Ain't Misbehavin', a Tony Award-winning celebration of the music of Thomas "Fats" Waller, will bring down the house with a joyously creative musical parade of 1920s and 30s hits, including: *The Jitterbug Waltz*, *I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter*, *'T'Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do*, *Honeysuckle Rose*, *Find Out What They Like*, and *Your Feet Too Big*.

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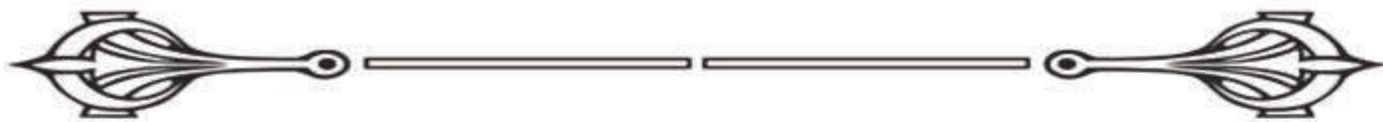
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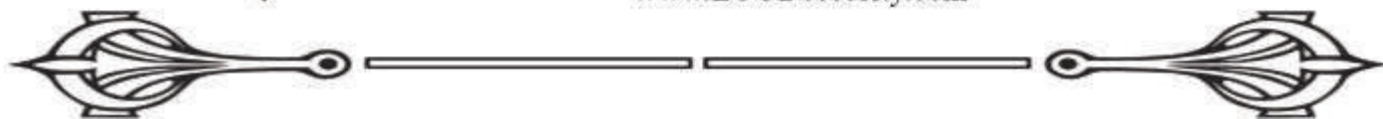


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Junior League: Making an Impact for Women and Children

Guest Writer Jennifer Johnson-Lynch

President, 2010-2011

When you hear the words “Junior League,” do you think of women wearing pearls and sipping tea? Perhaps your mind revisits your yearly shopping tradition at Mistletoe Market, picking up one-of-a-kind gifts and sampling great food. Maybe your mind drifts to that well-worn and food-stained cookbook with your family’s favorite recipes dog-eared.

The Junior League of Cobb-Marietta (JLCM) is a blend of all of these things. We wear gloves - work gloves, that is - as we spend time building a better community. For 78 years, the members of the JLCM have had a transformative impact on the lives of women and children through our volunteer and financial support. Established 1933, it was the desire of several women to help those in need. Today, our organization has grown to over 400 women who share that vision.

Our members work hard all year long to bring together great fundraisers like Mistletoe Market and the Marietta Mardi Gras Run. But do you know why? These fundraisers allow us to give back to organizations in our community like The Center for Children and Young Adults, The Center for Family Resources, Cobb County Safety Village, Cobb County Youth Museum, Communities in Schools, Omosaze, SafePath, and the YWCA. We contribute more than \$15,000 in grants and the equivalent of \$200,000 in volunteer service hours each year through our philanthropic efforts. With more than ¾ of our members working outside the home this is quite an accomplishment. We are lawyers, teachers, doctors, wives, mothers, and business owners.



The League also partners with other local nonprofit organizations, such as The Strand, to serve Cobb families. This year, the JLCM, along with a number of other organizations and businesses, hosted a foster family event at The Strand. Nearly 50 families attended and the kids enjoyed a day of face painting, crafts, snacks, and a spectacular show by local magician, Joe M. Turner. This is just one of the ways the JLCM works with our community partners to identify and meet the ever-changing needs of families and children living in Cobb. We could not further our mission without the continual support received by community organizations.

Our mission is to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve our community. Whether it is reading books to young children; teaching young adults to cook healthy meals; educating elementary students on American history; helping a mom earn her GED; collecting diapers; or painting a building - we are improving the quality of life for all of us who live, work and play here in Cobb County.

Do you have a passion for volunteering? Would you like to be a part of the single largest woman’s volunteer organization in the world? For more information about joining the League please visit our website at www.jlcm.org.



The Jr. League Hosted a Party for Foster Families at The Strand and children enjoyed making St. Patty’s Day crafts.



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Strand Staff Overachieves in Citizenship and Sexiness in 2011

Staff Writer Manda Costoulas

The Earl Smith Strand Theatre is powered by just six full time employees and thirteen part time staff members. Even while keeping The Strand up and running smoothly, they still manage to find time to give back to the community – and look fantastic while doing it!



Earl Reece Named MDJ Citizen of the Year

Executive Director Earl Reece was named the *Marietta Daily Journal's* 2010 Citizen of the Year this January "for his tireless efforts in the areas of education, arts, and the business community," according to the publication. MDJ General Manager Otis Brumby III presented the award during the Cobb Chamber's 69th annual dinner at the Cobb Galleria.

Reece became the executive director of The Strand in 2007, helping oversee the \$5.7 million renovation project, building community support, and ensuring the theatre continues to offer quality entertainment options for the community. Previously, he taught over 9,000 students during his 30 years in the public education system, spending 14 of those years as the director of the Cobb County Center for

Excellence in the Performing Arts at Pebblebrook High School. Mr. Reece donates countless hours to nonprofit organizations in the community including the Marietta Kiwanis Club, the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, the Cobb Cultural Arts Advisory Board, and the Marietta Welcome Center. This is the 48th year the Journal has presented the Citizen of the Year award.



William Webb Named to *Creative Loafing's* "Lust List" *Creative Loafing*, Atlanta's alternative weekly newspaper, left few stones unturned to find Atlanta's "most swoon-worthy" service industry workers. *Creative Loafing* claims its Lust List proves that "you don't have to be on TV,

do swimsuit modeling, or play pro sports to be smoking hot." Strand bartender William Webb was one of Atlanta's 15 named to *CL's* annual Lust List in 2011. The magazine encouraged readers to "Step up to the bar at Marietta's Strand Theatre and see if you can handle the dazzling smile and adorable sweetness of William."



Christy Rosell Inducted into YWCA Hall of Fame

The Strand's director of business development and marketing, Christy Rosell, was honored at the 26th annual YWCA of Northwest Cobb's Tribute to Women of Achievement induction ceremony in March. The event honored and celebrated 15 local women who demonstrate leadership in personal and professional endeavors. Her service for The Strand as well as with volunteer programs such as the Marietta Housing Authority Student Mentoring Program and Cobb Literacy Council were recognized.

Strand Leaders Are Top Notch

Staff writer Christy Rosell

Strand board members Faye DiMassimo and Kim Gresh have both recently been honored for their community involvement and achievements, and The Strand staff applauds these honors and appreciates their hard work and dedication to the Marietta and Cobb communities.

Kim Gresh

Strand board member and capital campaign committee member Kim Gresh was recently recognized by Kennesaw State University as a Siegel Institute 2011 Phenomenal Woman. Annually, the Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character at KSU hosts a Phenomenal Women's Conference, a venue for women from all walks of life to come together and celebrate the leadership, values, and strength of women in the workplace and beyond.

"If there is an event in Cobb County, Kim Gresh is involved. She is the most phenomenal supporter of the city and our community. She gives tirelessly and selfishly of her time and energy and is most deserving of this recognition," said Strand Executive Director Earl Reece.

Kim is the president of S.A. White Oil Co. and serves an important role on a number of community boards including The Strand, YWCA of Northwest Georgia, WellStar Foundation, MUST Ministries, and countless organizations and community initiatives.

Faye DiMassimo

Strand board member and newly appointed capital campaign chair, Faye DiMassimo, was honored at the 26th annual YWCA of Northwest Cobb's Tribute to Women of Achievement induction ceremony in March. The event honored and celebrated 15 local women who demonstrate leadership in personal and professional endeavors.

"Faye is a relative newcomer to The Strand's board, but she is not a newcomer to our community. It came as no surprise that she was selected as one of the 15 women of distinction for Cobb County. She is distinctive in every way," Earl said.

Faye is the director of the Cobb County Department of Transportation. She regularly volunteers and is involved with the Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts at Pebblebrook High School, The Strand, the Marietta Kiwanis Club, and the Regional Leadership Institute.

Two Thumbs Up! The Earl Smith Strand Theatre has been honored with the following recognitions since its grand opening in January of 2009:

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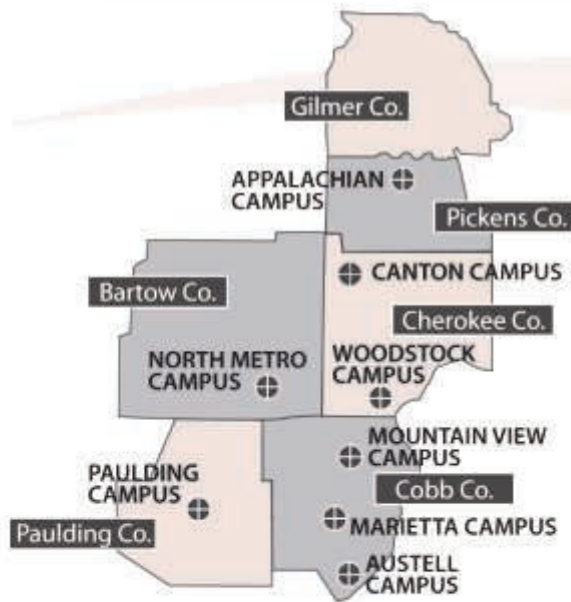
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The Strand is truly a place for the community by the community! It would not be standing and operating without the support of so many people in so many different ways. This is by no means an all-inclusive thank you list. The Strand staff hopes to thank a few of you today. And when we come out with our next issue of the *Patron*, we'll thank a few more of you.

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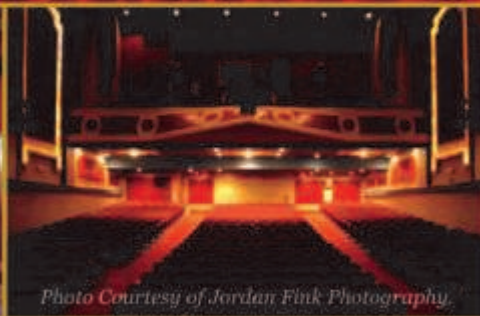


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