

# Strand Theatre

# Year in Review



## Jan

The year long series, *100 Years of Movies*, which includes two screenings each month of films that played, or should have played, the Strand over the last 100 years launches as a focal point of our centennial celebrations.

## Feb

The City of Rockland declares February 21 "STRAND DAY" to honor the 100th Anniversary of its opening day in 1923.

## March

Poet Laurate of Wisconsin, Dasha Kelly Hamilton, presents a community workshop, "Truth Evolution" and her stage performance, "MAKIN' CAKE", as part of the Strand's New Century Series.

## May

The Strand stage, originally laid in 2005, is replaced after a burst pipe during a February cold snap flooded the auditorium with 300 gallons of water.

## July

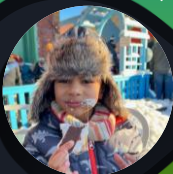
Friends of the Strand Theatre adopts a new strategic plan to map out a path for the Strand's long-term sustainability as it enters its next century!

# 2023



## Jan

The Strand hosts the inaugural **BIG ROCKLAND CHILL** as an opportunity for the community to gather in winter. Activities include a pet parade, s'mores making, steel drum band, a Yeti Disco, art making, and more! Hundreds attend and event partners include 13 local individuals and organizations.



## Feb 21, 2023

A birthday party for the Strand 100 years in the making! Cake, movies from 1923, and tickets at the throw back price of \$0.25.



## April

Exhibition On Screen's **VERMEER**, which gives an inside look at the Rijksmuseum's exhibit—the largest Vermeer exhibit in history—sells out its Strand showings. In 2023, the Strand screened 5 EOS programs including *Hooper*, *Cassatt*, *Cezanne*, and *Tokyo Stories*.



## June

Brooklyn, NY based **Broken Box Mime Company** hosts a hands-on community mime workshop and two performances at Rockland's Steel House and Amphitheater as part of the Strand's New Century Series.



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The Strand celebrates “Silent Picture Day”, a national event, with screenings of *OUR HOSPITALITY* and *LITTLE OLD NEW YORK* with live piano accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis.



## Aug

NYC choreographer, Kimberly Bartosik, spends two weeks working with members of the community to create a dance and movement piece, “The Encounter” which premieres at the Strand as part of the New Century Series.



## Aug

*ROCKLAND'S STRAND*, a new documentary film by filmmaker Dale Schierholt, made in celebration of the Strand's 100<sup>th</sup> year, premieres at the theater. In December it makes its television debut on Maine Public and can currently be streamed on their website.



## September

Strand Executive Director, Jessie Davis, is recognized as a “Woman to Watch” by MaineBiz Magazine.



## Oct

Maine theater maker, Sara Juli, premieres her new play, “Naughty Bits”—commissioned by the Strand—that included a post show community resource panel with reps from New Hope for Women and Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine.



## Oct

Firefly the Hybrid, an artist, performer, and member of the Penobscot Nation, electrifies the Strand stage. Another winning collaboration with our friends and neighbors at the Farnsworth Art Museum!



## Nov

The popular presentation event, PECHA KUCHA, returns to the midcoast as an official program of the Strand Theatre.



## December

To celebrate our milestone birthday, and to provide direct support to a surviving independent theater, Turner Classic Movies sponsors our final films in the *100 Years of Movies* series.



The Strand presented 21 live concert events in 2023!



The Strand screened 108 different film titles in 2023!



Thank YOU for joining us in this incredible year!