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Drama Students Win National Performing Arts Design Awards



CHRISTIANSEN



BOBO



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Jenn Bobo and Elise Christiansen, Helmerich School of Drama students, earned the National Young Designers, Managers and Technicians Awards from the recent United States Institute for Theatre Technology competition. They have been selected to exhibit their portfolio as part of the USITT Young Designers and Technicians Forum at the USITT conference, scheduled for March 20 through March 24 in Louisville, Kentucky. Bobo and Christiansen will receive their awards at the USITT National Awards ceremony on March 21. Olivia DeLuca, fellow Helmerich

School of Drama student, has also been selected to exhibit her portfolio at the USITT Young Designers and Technicians Forum at the conference.

“We Have It All” Poster - Amber Bailey, School of Dance



Amber Bailey, then a mathematics and ballet performance major, adorned in an embroidered crimson tutu. Offensive lineman Bobby Evans, Jr. entered the historic Great Reading Room wearing his white, inscribed “81” football jersey. Both leaned down to change their shoes — Evans into his cleats and Bailey into her pointe shoes. The two got into position and flashed a smile.

The two students were paired together for a photo campaign titled “We Have It All” that was shot in April 2018 and re-created from original photos taken in the 1990s and 2005.

Bailey, who graduated in May 2018 and now dances for Fort Wayne Ballet in Indiana, said she was excited to attend a university that has a strong athletics program and even purchased football season tickets every year she was in college. She said the greatest skill she learned during her time at OU was learning to balance her academics with her artistic work.

“I tried my hardest to apply myself equally and fully to every aspect of my college experience,” Bailey said. “I have found that this has brought great success in the beginnings of my professional dance career.”

Kellie Coffey Inducted into Oklahoma Hall of Fame - Class of 2018



Kellie Coffey, an Academy of Country Music Award winner, was inducted into the 2018 Oklahoma Hall of Fame. She grew up in Moore, Oklahoma and received her bachelor of musical arts degree from OU School of Music. Since her first album “When You Lie Next to Me” in May 2002, she has gained national success.

Kellie Coffey has worked with Barbra Streisand, Kenny Chesney, George Strait, Randy Newman, Toby Keith, Alison Krauss, Keith Urban, Paul Williams, Alan and Marilyn Bergman and many others. Her voice can be heard singing lead on the longest running Disney amusement park show of all time, “Illuminations” at Epcot.

Accolades to Taylor Akin, OU Concurrent Enrollment Student

Taylor Akin, OU concurrent enrollment bassoonist auditioned for the Oklahoma Community Orchestra Young Artists Competition, where he won the woodwind division. He will be recognized at their upcoming concert on April 23.

Akin is both the division winner and overall winner for the Oklahoma City Symphony Orchestra League’s Young Artist Competition. In addition to receiving a cash award, he will be featured in a recital on Feb. 24 in Oklahoma City.