Drama Students Win National Performing Arts Design Awards

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.

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 Community Orchestra Young Artists Competition, where he won the woodwind division. He will be recognized at their upcoming concert on April 23.

Accolades to Taylor Akin, OU Concurrent Enrollment Student

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 bachelors 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.