

## **Theatre Banquet 2013**

### **Order of Events**

- It's been quite a year!
- Honor a number of students / Applaud you all
- This your home – a place to grow as a person, and as an artist.

- **I would like to acknowledge the Theatre Faculty.**

Please help me recognize them for their energy, creativity and commitment.

- **Please also help me recognize our Adjunct Faculty**

Beth Cash, Lila White, Mark Stanfield and Kelly Grussendorf

- **We also want to recognize the hard work and dedication of the Theatre Department Staff**

Terry Estep, Mary Jo Aubin, RaeAnn Williams, and Laura Piotrowski

- **This is also a time to say goodbye:**

Austin Jones – As it gets older, ginger just gets hotter.

- **Recognize student leaders, organizations past year / next year.**

#### **Student Representatives**

2012-2013: Erin Ohland and Alex Goebel

2013-2014: Erin Ohland and Colleen Lafeber

#### **Season Selection Committee**

2012-2013: Topaz Cooks and Elizabeth Efteland

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#### **UMD Theatre Peer Advisor Returning this Fall**

Brittany Mingo

#### **2012-2013 Stage II Officers**

Paul LaNave, President

Bailey Boots, Vice President

MacKenzie McCullum, Marketing

Derik Iverson, Publicity

Paul Blakely, Technical Director

#### **2013-2014**

Bailey Boots, President

Erika Sasseville, Vice President

Taylor Jensen, Marketing

Jasons Speters, Publicity

Matthew (Babyface) Default, Technical Director

Eric Howe, Assistant Technical Director

## **2012-2013 Officers of UMD's USITT Student Chapter**

Paul Blakely, President  
Dylan Lee, Vice President  
Erin Ohland, Secretary  
Colleen Dunleap, Treasurer  
Jenna Houck, Member-at-Large  
Dani Sackett, Conference Coordinator

## **2013-2014 Officers**

Katie Martin, Vice President  
Jenna Houck, Secretary  
Michael Cochrane, Treasurer  
Solveig Bloomquist, Member-at-Large  
Eric Howe, Conference Coordinator

## **KCACTF-Irene Ryan Partners:**

Abby Hegerfeld, Accompanist  
Maria Depesa  
James Goodman  
Best Acting Partner for KCACTF Region V - Daniel Novick

## **KCACTF-Irene Ryan Candidates:**

Erin Miller  
Josh Stenvick  
Nikki Tatge

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up Irene Ryan Regional Competition and Regional Winner of Best Classical Acting Competition - Kate Zahr

Winner Irene Ryan Regional Competition & 10-minute play read at the national KCACTF Conference - Caity Shea Violette

## **KCACTF Participants in Design and Stage Management.**

### *White Baby*

Scenic Design: Jenna Houck  
Costume Design: Katie Martin  
Lighting Design: Becca Charpentier  
Sound Design: Matt Dufault

### *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?*

Lighting Design: Paul Blakely  
Stage Management: Mackenzie McCullum  
Design Commendation for Scenic Design: Topaz Cooks

Meritorious Achievement by the entire cast of *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?*

## **Northern Boundary Section Cover-the-Walls Exhibit Winners**

Costume Design for Medea – Jenna Houck

Scenic Design for Medea – Erin Ohland

### **• Distribute Scholarships**

Earlier this week at the School of Fine Arts Awards Banquet, the following scholarships were awarded.

The Isaac and Rose Gershgol Scholarship

Katie Martin

Jayson Speters

Jenna Houck

Jenna was also awarded the Kathryn A. Martin Scholarship for Theatre, Jazz, and Women's Hockey

The Kanter Family Scholarship

Vanessa Barr

Joe Cramer

The Martha Scholarship

Topaz Cooks

In addition to these scholarships, the Department of Theatre offers five additional scholarships based on meritorious work this past year. The Department always has more applicants than we have scholarships to award, which makes the selection process very difficult, since all applicants are truly deserving. In making these decisions, the faculty review all application materials, and discuss each applicant individually before determining our final selections. As I read your name, please come forward to accept our congratulations.

### **Lois Casmir Birk Memorial Scholarship**

The Lois Casmir Birk Memorial Scholarship was established in the Department of Theatre in the year 2000. Lois Birk was a great friend and patron to the Department of Theatre. Due to the generosity of her friends and especially her three sons, the Lois Casmir Birk Memorial Scholarship is intended to aid and honor a student who has made an outstanding contribution to Theatre and shows exceptional promise in the future.

By vote of the faculty of the Department of Theatre the 2013-2014 recipient of the Lois Casmir Birk Memorial Scholarship is: **Ms. Solveig Bloomquist.**

### **Ann Davies Uppgren Memorial Scholarship**

The Ann Davies Uppgren Memorial Scholarship was established in the early 1970's as a memorial to Ann Uppgren to aid and honor a student who has made an outstanding contribution in the theatre.

By vote of the faculty of the Department of Theatre the 2013-2014 recipient of the Ann Davies Uppgren Scholarship is: **Ms. Bailey Boots.**

### **Marshall Center Awards**

The Marshall Center Awards for Excellence in Theatre or Dance were established in 1984 to aid and honor student in the Department of Theatre who have made an outstanding contribution in either theatre or dance and show exceptional promise in the future.

By vote of the faculty of the Department of Theatre The 2013-2014 recipients of the Marshall Center Awards for Excellence in Theatre or Dance are: **Ms. Erin Ohland** and **Ms. Topaz Cooks**.

### **Erin Wright Memorial Scholarship**

The Erin Wright Memorial Scholarship was established in 1997 by the students, staff and faculty of the Department of Theatre. This scholarship has been one way for us to honor our memory of Erin. The names of each scholarship recipient is engraved on this plaque, which is on permanent public display in the Marshall Center lobby.

We have a special announcement this year concerning this scholarship. For 15 years individual gifts have helped this fund grow. It's been a truly grass roots endeavor. But this year we hit an important milestone. Including the many, many contributions, the Mark Russell Scholarship Event last January (Thank you Tom Isbell!) helped the fund finally reach quasi-endowment status, which means this scholarship will be offered in perpetuity to countless numbers of future students who come to UMD.

I've asked Ann Bergeron to present this year's Erin Wright Memorial Scholarship award.

### **2011-2012 Awards for Artistic Achievement**

Each year the faculty feel particular students deserve special recognition for superlative artistic contributions they've made to our program. All students are eligible for these awards, which are determined by the vote of the faculty. I would ask each student to come forward to accept our congratulations.

- For his excellent work as Sound Designer for *Coriolana*: **Mr. Paul Blakely**
- For his excellent work as Sound Designer for *How I Learned to Drive*: **Mr. Michael Cochrane**
- For her excellent work as Lighting Designer for *How I Learned to Drive*: **Ms. Colleen Dunleap**
- For her exceptional performance in *Coriolana*: **Ms. Elizabeth Efteland**
- For her excellent work as Stage Manager for *Coriolana*: **Ms. Emyli Gudmundson**
- For her excellent work as Costume Designer for *It's a Wonderful Life*: **Ms. Jenna Houck**
- For his exceptional performance in *It's a Wonderful Life*: **Mr. Paul LaNave**
- For his excellent work as Sound Designer for *It's a Wonderful Life*: **Mr. Dylan Lee**

- For her excellent work as Scenic Designer for *How I Learned to Drive*: **Ms. Erin Ohland**
- For his excellent work as the composer for *Coriolana*: **Mr. Graeme Shields**
- For her excellent work in playwrighting, and Irene Ryan National Finalist: **Caity Shea Violette**
- For her exceptional performance in *How I Learned to Drive* and Regional KCACTF Irene Ryan Finalist: **Ms. Kate Zehr**

### **Outstanding Contribution Award for 2011-2012.**

Each year we see students willing to go well beyond the Department's expectations for participation, and we want to recognize their dedication and commitment. All students are eligible for these awards, which are determined by the vote of the faculty. As I read each name, please come forward.

For volunteering to be on the Running Crew for five different UMD Theatre productions:  
**Ms. Solveig Bloomquist**

For her strength, spirit and commitment to UMD Theatre: **Ms. Topaz Cooks**

For his willingness to serve as sound engineer for both *Patent Leather Shoes* and *Tales from the Bad Years*: **Mr. Christopher Gumper**

For her outstanding volunteer help on *Coriolana*: **Ms. Taylor Jenson**

For her outstanding leadership, organization and commitment: **Ms. Erin Ohland**

(Sit down)

### **• Acknowledge Seniors**

We have 25 students graduating this year. The faculty and staff, thank all you for the special gifts you've shared with us. But many successes are still ahead. I hope you'll keep in touch, and allow us to celebrate with you as your future unfolds.

Seniors, the certificate you receive tonight reads:

The UMD Department of Theatre wishes to express it'd deep appreciation for the years of work and dedication that have led to:

- the enrichment of UMD's Department of Theatre,
- to the finale of your baccalaureate career,
- and to the beginning of a life in the theatre.

Break a leg!

### **Read off individual names.**

Graduating with: