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CONGRATULATIONS

to **Lorna and Robert Cohen**, who received the fourth **Claire Trevor Commemorative Star** on 24 April 2016. Claire Trevor Professor Emeritus Robert Cohen was the Founding Chairman of our Department of Drama in 1965, a post he held for 25 years. He

retired from the Department last June. His wife Lorna, who was a founding student at UC Irvine as well as a UCI employee for many years, is a dedicated educator, philanthropist, and community activist. To celebrate their many contributions, five decades of alumni returned to the Claire Trevor Theatre to participate in a star-studded and heartfelt tribute featuring the likes of Broadway's Bob Gunton, Beth Malone, and Teal Wicks. We salute Lorna and Robert on their many contributions, and thank them for touching countless lives with their legacy of generosity and kindness.



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WHAT A NIGHT IT WAS!



Angel Laketa Tanksley



Mark Bedard



Bob Gunton



Caitlin McGinty & Jason Vande Brake



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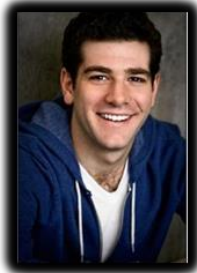
ALUMNI CURRENTLY ON BROADWAY



Beth Malone
Tony Nominee for *Fun Home*



Alan Mingo, Jr.
starring in *Kinky Boots*



Ben Jacoby
starring in *Beautiful, the Carol King Story*



Allison Case
starring in *Matilda*



Quinn VanAntwerp
starring in *Jersey Boys*



Jenifer Foote
in *She Loves Me*



Teal Wicks
starring in *Finding Neverland*



Jeremy Stolle
in *The Phantom of the Opera*



David Baida
in *On Your Feet!*

CURRENTLY STARRING OR FEATURED IN NATIONAL TOURS:

Garrett Deagon & Madisen Johnson in *Annie*



Ryan Farnsworth in *Beautiful, the Carol King Story*



Ashley Moniz, Sam Zeller, and Alex Dreschke in *Kinky Boots*



Andrew Samonsky in *The Bridges of Madison County*



Jacob Haren in *The Book of Mormon*