The Claire Trevor School of the Arts has begun its year-long tribute to its namesake, Academy Award-winning actress Claire Trevor, to honor what would have been her centennial birthday.

Ms. Trevor was a fervent advocate of both the Arts and the School. She spent many hours on the campus, freely giving her time to students, advising them and inspiring them. "It is with great pride that the School salutes her work and industry contributions with a variety of special events that will be staged throughout the year," said Dean Joseph S. Lewis III.

The first is the Claire Trevor Film Festival, which will showcase one of her films each month through June. The Festival began with a screening of *Key Largo* and her portrayal of torch singer Gaye Dawn, the role for which she won the Academy Award in 1948. All screenings are free and open to the public, and all will take place in Winifred Smith Hall. A schedule of the dates and films to be shown follows, but please note that titles are subject to change based on their availability.

The School’s tribute to Ms. Trevor will culminate on March 8 (her 101st birthday) with the installation of a star in front of the campus theatre that already bears her name. Hers will be the first in the School’s very own Walk of Fame, where her star will eventually be joined by others that honor industry and community luminaries, alumni, donors and friends.

Fittingly, it has been 10 years since this School was named in her honor. During that decade, hundreds of our graduates have embarked on successful professional careers in dance, drama, music and art. Claire Trevor encouraged Arts students to set the bar high — and one day very soon, the School will be celebrating their accomplishments as well.

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Beall Center Celebrates 10th Year

*By Tonya Becerra, University Communications*

In 2000, LaFarge and Robert Nideffer, studio art professor, curated the center’s first show, *Shift-Ctrl*, which focused on computers, games and art. “It was the first in the country to take computer gaming seriously — showing that games and art are not separate,” LaFarge said.

The exhibit took place during a very different time. “In 2000, the major media and cultural climate were portraying computer games as bad and violent,” she said. “So to dedicate an inaugural show to gaming as art was a huge risk — and quite visionary.”

Visionary indeed. A decade later, popular culture has changed dramatically, and universities — including UCI — have begun to make gaming an academic field of study.

Promoting new forms of creative expression is part of the center’s mission. Rockwell Corp. funded the facility in honor of retired Chairman Don Beall and his wife, Joan, the core idea being to merge their lifelong passions — business, engineering and the arts — in one place.

The center is a web of invisible electronic infrastructure: Electrical outlets are everywhere, and it’s “networked to the max,” according to LaFarge. The windowless black box is a perfect platform for the extraordinary endeavors showcased there.

Visitors have been invited to challenge their perceptions through luminous, intelligent blimps, everyday objects transformed into roving electronic beings that respond to human attention, instruments that need no musicians, and interactive video dancing. Such highly acclaimed artists as Nam June Paik and Jennifer and Kevin McCoy have also had shows at the Beall.

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Because of the exhibits’ unconventional approaches and materials, “there’s been a resistance to this kind of work,” said David Familian, the center’s artistic director and curator. He’s trying to change that with the pieces he selects for exhibition. “First of all, I want it to look like art — not just technology. It’s not ‘Gee whiz, look what this thing can do,’” he said.

“Technology expands the expressivity of what you’re doing, but what you’re doing is the same thing that every artist does: You’re manipulating materials to create meaning.”

Artist Rafael Lozano-Hemmer’s “Pulse Room” and “Pulse Index” kicked off the Beall Center’s one-decade celebration. The exhibit, which runs through Jan. 22, incorporates sensors that detect participants’ heartbeats, to which lights, shadows and water are then synchronized. Quite literally, visitors become the art. Just as you’d expect from an art center on the “bleeding edge.”

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The Beall Center’s 10. 10. 10 celebration brought hundreds of folks to the Arts Plaza for a day of music, art, food and FUN.

On The Job: David Walker, Box Office Manager

Q: How long have you been the Box Office Manager here and what previous experience had you had?
A: I started full-time in October 2007, so I’m just entering my fourth season with the School. Before that I was Assistant Box Office Manager at Irvine Barclay Theatre, and have also had some restaurant management positions. Additionally, I work at the OC Fair & Event Center year-round and get good ideas on festival-style ticketing.

Q: What is your education and did earning your degree prepare you for this job?
A: I attended California State University, Long Beach. As a performance major in the Theatre Arts Department, I did get a little bit of Box Office training throughout my attendance. Most of my event planning and accounting knowledge, however, came from restaurants, or on the job at the Barclay. What my arts education background has done for my Box Office career is very important, though; for instance, having been involved in several production crews, I’ve always been involved in several production crews, I’m always sure to ask designers and directors if they need any seats held in the audience for technical equipment. Knowing theatre terms, performance genres and styles, and bodies of work also make me an informative ticket seller.

Q: What are your primary responsibilities as Box Office Manager?
A: At Claire Trevor School of the Arts, a lot of my day is spent interfacing directly with University’s faculty, staff and students: processing paid and complimentary ticket requests, putting seats on hold for potential group sales, finding ways to streamline the phone and window sales to save everyone time, and answering general questions about the School or one of our specific departments.

Behind the scenes there is some computer knowledge required to manage seating maps, ticket inventory and patron data. I also enjoy working with the Development and Publicity units to plan ticket promotions, galas and free events. Oh: And I get to administer the School’s Facebook page — my favorite part!

Q: What special skills or traits do you think someone needs in order to succeed at this job?
A: First and foremost, humor. Customer service can invariably get stressful, but my staff and I always try to remind each other to have fun. Organization is key, also. I love to make lists and utilize services like Google Calendar that allow tie-ins from multiple users. Finally, while it was never my favorite subject, I’ve gotten good with my math skills (although awesome features built-in to programs like Microsoft Excel make my job easier year after year).

Q: I’m sure there are many humorous events that occur during your day, pick one of the funniest and tell us about it.
A: Admittedly, as a patron, I’ve heard myself say some of these same things… however, here are some of our favorite quotes throughout the years:

“Where’s the Box Office?” (yes, asked as the patron stares at us through the glass window)

Q: If you could have any other job in the whole world, what would it be and why?
A: I’d be on stage, film and TV… I love and miss acting, but am TERRIBLE!
In The Spotlight - Fall 2010

Dance
Assistant Professor Molly Lynch was commissioned to create a new work to close the Singapore Dance Theatre’s “Ballad Under the Stars” program. Her “Evening at the Ritz,” a work based on the great dancing partnership of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, premiered on an audience of 6,000 and then was performed at the National University of Singapore. Additionally, the fourth year of her Choreographers Initiative at the Irvine Barclay Theatre was completely sold-out.

Students/Alumni
Ching Ching Wong (BA Dance ’10) accepted a position with John-Matthews Production in New York. David Baida (BA Dance ’05) performed in the 2010 Hip Hop International Music Competition.

Music
Faculty artists at the Djerassi Music Festival in Vista, Italy, pianists Nina Schoik, Lorna Griffen, and violinist Haroutune Bedelian were recognized for their contributions to the arts.

Drama
Tyler Seiple (MFA Drama ’10) has his first professional screen-acting role in the feature film Separation Anxiety, which is set for its premiere in November.

Drama
Tv?varento (BA Drama ’08) has been cast in Hairpray at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey.

Music
Two books written by Professor Joseph Huszti were published in 2010. Six people called Vivaldi, which will be exhibited at the British Film Institute Gallery and the Hayward Gallery in London in late November. Her dancers, informally known as “the Raindance,” will be performing in Glasgow and at the Centre Pompidou.

Drama
Deidre Haren (BA Drama ’06) has been cast in the Forest Theatre’s production of Far in Philadelphia where he will join the music faculty as a musicologist assistant professor.

Music
Average of three weeks of music making in the Italian Alps. All of the pianists, Haroutune Bedelian were recognized for their contributions to the arts.

Drama
Dr. Yong Soon Min (BA Dance ’10) accepted a position with John-Matthews Production in New York.

Music
Joey Morris (BA Dance ’10) has been cast in Hairpray at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey.

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Broadway Stars Visit Drama Students

Broadway actresses Joanna Gleason and Pamela Winslow Kashani, who had key roles in Sondheim’s Into the Woods on Broadway, visited the rehearsal set of UC Irvine’s production of the play to meet with cast and crew. Gleason, who won a Tony Award for her role as the Baker’s Wife, conducted a master class for drama students before taking in a rehearsal of the show she knows so well.

Kashani, who was the original Rapunzel in the Broadway production of Into the Woods and whose show, Memphis, recently won the Tony Award for Best Musical, arrived a week later to spend some time observing rehearsals and offering advice. Kashani, an Orange County resident, just returned from New York where she performed Change Happens, her one woman show which uses her autobiography to investigate what it means to be human.

Robert Cohen Debuts Thought-Provoking Play

It’s an old story, one handed down through the centuries in sacred texts: As the ultimate test of faith, a father is called on — by God — to kill his own son.

Robert Cohen, Claire Trevor Professor of Drama has written and director a modern spin on the venerable tale. Abraham & Isaac in Jerusalem, which debuted in September, is a play within a play about American college students who travel to Jerusalem to present a medieval drama about Abraham.

The show featured ancient Hebrew, English and Persian music performed by UCI’s all-male singing ensemble, Men in Blaque. Cohen, in fact, was inspired to write the play when he saw the group in concert.

“One of the great goals of theater is to bring synthesis to people, to show we’re not that different from each other,” Cohen said. “The story of Abraham and Isaac is included in the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Koran. It transcends three different religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We’re hoping the play clarifies how misunderstandings can set people apart and shows there can be resolution.”

Cohen hopes the play demonstrated how people divided by religious and cultural issues can find a basis for mutual understanding. “Theater has a way of bringing people together from many cultures,” he said.

The production also brought together the audience; most theatergoers were seated onstage around a tiered stone set representing Jerusalem’s Rova square, next to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall.

Like the play’s characters, those involved in Abraham come from different ethnic and religious backgrounds. The drama caused some of them to examine their own ideas about religion.

Alison Plott, a third-year M.F.A. acting student who had roles in the play, explained, “This play is about man’s relationship with God and the struggle with faith. It’s a story people have strong feelings about. The focus is how we reconcile these different groups’ feelings.”
Yvonne Rainer Named Claire Trevor Professor of Studio Art

Internationally renowned artist, dancer, filmmaker, and choreographer Yvonne Rainer, previously Distinguished Professor of Studio Art, has been named a Claire Trevor Professor of Studio Art by Chancellor Michael V. Drake, M.D.

The Claire Trevor Professors Program was established in 2000 to support an outstanding incumbent or a newly recruited faculty appointee at UC Irvine’s Claire Trevor School of the Arts. The disbursement generated by the endowment supports the appointee’s teaching, research and service. The position is a five-year term that is renewable upon recommendation from the School’s dean. There are only three of these endowed positions within the Claire Trevor School of the Arts; the others are held by Robert Cohen, Claire Trevor Professor of Drama and a founding member of the faculty, and Donald McKayle, Claire Trevor Professor of Dance and internationally renowned dancer and choreographer.

Department of Music Honors Rawlins

UC Irvine’s Claire Trevor School of the Arts and its music department faculty and students pay tribute to the late Marjorie Townsley Rawlins with a concert on Friday, Nov. 12 at 8:00 p.m. at the Irvine Barclay Theatre. The UCI Symphony Orchestra and UCI Choirs are joined by past and present Rawlins Music Scholars from around the world to acknowledge the generosity of both Mrs. Rawlins and her late husband, Robert.

“The entire Orange County arts community owes a debt of gratitude to the Rawlins Family for its many contributions over the decades,” explained Nina Scolnik, Associate Chair for Performance of the School’s Music Department. “The Claire Trevor School of the Arts – and the Music Department in particular – benefited greatly from their largess and love of music. We created this event to honor them and their generosity.”

The program includes Beethoven’s Choral Fantasy and excerpts from Humperdinck’s opera Hansel and Gretel. Rawlins Scholars Eunhee Kim, Kevin Loucks (’94), Elizabeth Kung, Samuel Chen, James Dolas, Joy Chen, Eunhee Kim, Eunjee Kim and Grace Liu will perform selections from late 19th Century chamber repertoire.

Dean Getting the Word Out

In his efforts to reintroduce the School to the community, Dean Joseph S. Lewis III has been attending special events and charitable functions all over the county. His efforts are paying off – he has been featured recently in a front page article in the Orange County Register’s Arts & Entertainment Section, as well as in a news segment on KOCIE-TV’s Real Orange!

Claire Trevor Film Festival Schedule

All screenings are free and start at 5:30 p.m. in Winifred Smith Hall.

Tuesday, November 9
How to Murder Your Wife (1965)
A man who has set up the perfect lifestyle for himself makes the mistake of marrying while drunk... and his fantasies of murder are used against him.

Tuesday, December 7
The Stranger Wore A Gun (1953)
A former spy moves to Arizona to join a gold robbery, but when he gets there he decides that it’s not for him and tries to change his life.

Tuesday, January 11
The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse (1938)
Dr. Clitterhouse is fascinated with the working of the criminal mind. His interest is so deep that he finds the best way to observe criminals in action is to become one himself!

Tuesday, February 8
The Desperadoes (1943)
A wanted outlaw arrives in town to rob a bank that has already been held up. His past and his friendship with the sheriff land them both in trouble.

Tuesday, March 15
Stagecoach (1939)
A group of people traveling on a stagecoach find their journey complicated by the threat of Geronimo and learn something about each other in the process.

Tuesday, April 12
Murder, My Sweet (1944)
Private eye Philip Marlowe is hired by Moose Malloy, a petty crook just out of prison after a seven-year stretch, to look for his former girlfriend, Velma, who has not been seen for the last six years.

Tuesday, May 24
Dead End (1937)
The Dead End Kids, an unemployed architect, and gangster Baby Face Martin interact with an East Side neighborhood over one day and night.

Tuesday, June 7
Stem to Kill (1947)
A calculating divorcee risks her chances at wealth and security with a man she doesn’t love by getting involved with the hotheaded murderer romancing her foster sister.
Red Carpet Premiere for Key Largo

Before the Claire Trevor Film Festival launched with a showing of Key Largo, guests enjoyed martinis and blinis on the red carpet. The chilly night air was warmed by the piano stylings of our own Gary Busby and jazz songstress Paula Samonte, who made a special trip from northern California to entertain us.

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