Debbie Dee (center, right) accepted her Living Treasure award from Oklahoma City University's Jo Rowan (in pink head scarf).

Debbi Dee Named a Living Treasure

Master tap teacher Debbi Dee, beloved by dance teachers across the nation for her instructional DVD series and music CDs, has received the Living Treasure in American Dance award from Oklahoma City University's Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Arts Management.

The award, presented to Dee on March 12, honors individuals who have contributed significantly to American dance and dance education. Past honorees include Al Gilbert, Henry LeTang, Fayard Nicholas, and Jimmy Slyde. As part of the event, Dee held master classes and attended OCU spring dance performances.

Dee has taught for many major dance organizations, including Dance Olympus, Dance Masters of America, Florida Dance Masters, Dance Educators of America, Dance Teacher Summit, and Dance Makers. As a performer, Dee appeared on Broadway, in TV, movies, and USO shows, and at prestigious venues such as Lincoln Center.