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'ODETTA'

HOPE BOYKIN (right) brings the famed folk singer Odetta Holmes to life as the star of the new Alvin Ailey production "Odetta."

The spectacular show celebrates an artist who influenced American music for half a century, including the work of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and Janis Joplin.

Joined by dancers Rachel McLaren and Marcus Jarrell Willis (bottom, left) and Danica Paulos (in red below) - along

with a host of other world-class performers - "Odetta" also chronicles the civil rights work that is part of her legacy.

Odetta was called the queen of American folk music by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and her "Take This Hammer" was labeled one of the top 100 songs of all time by Time magazine.

Below, rehearsal director Matthew Rushing helps get the cast ready for the show's Dec. 10 premiere.

Alvin Ailey's winter season begins Dec. 3.

