December 2023



#### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I've been home with a new baby for the last month and feeling a little disconnected from activities on campus! Nonetheless, it's been a busy month of classes, events, and performances, and our students, faculty, and staff are all ready for a well-deserved break. We've been excited to have so many visitors on campus and around the community at concerts, exhibitions, and performances. It'll be quiet across our programs for the next few weeks as we all take time to rest and recharge with family and friends, but we look forward to reconnecting on campus in January. In the meantime, please enjoy the following images from this month's activities across the arts, and we wish you space for joy, beauty, and reflection throughout this holiday season.

With warm regards,

Dr. Erin Bauer, Chair of Art and Music, Associate Professor of Musicology





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The Muskingum Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble presented a joint fall concert: "We Belong To Each Other," a program helping to find solace in building community in a world of chaos, and "Choose Joy," a program exploring the myriad ways we find joy in life, respectively. The Muskingum ensembles were joined by special guests: the Coshocton City Schools Choir, directed by alumnus Robert Moore '23.



Jackie Bradshaw, Hannah Jordan, and Heather Dawson



YouthFest!



The music department was happy to welcome some 150 high school students on campus for two YouthFests (choral and instrumental), including masterclasses, workshops, rehearsals, and performances with our students and faculty.



**Professor Steve Miller** 



SEOSO presented the annual Holiday Concert at Secrest Auditorium.



The Spirit Band performed at the final home football game against Wilmington College.



Dr. Daniel Strychacz, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, served as guest clinician for the OMEA District 9 Honor Choir, hosted by Marietta High School. Our vocal students also came out to show their support!





Musical Theatre Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble presented terrific end-of-semester concerts!



The annual Christmas Festival featured holiday carols, readings, and special musical selections performed by the university choirs and special brass ensemble—comprising music faculty and other professional musicians.



Current students and faculty in art, music, and theatre welcomed prospective students on campus for Scholarship Day.



Theatre major Kailyn Shalosky presented her senior show: lights and sound for Alice Gerstenberg's Overtones.



Sarah Heading conducting WMHS Choir.



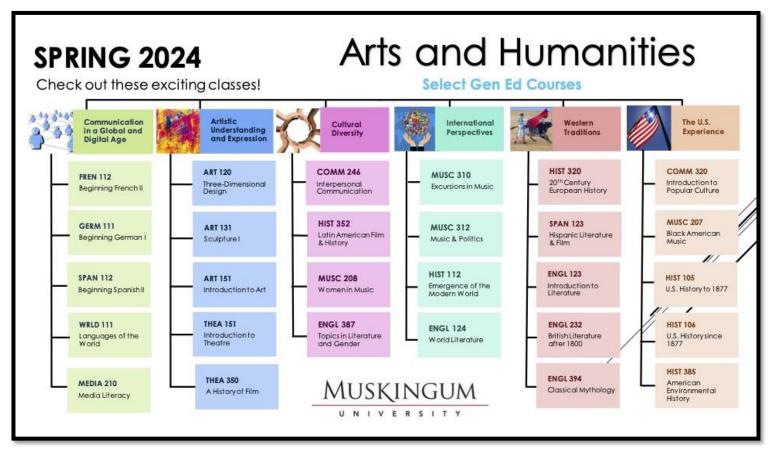
Dr. Laura Schumann, Professor of Music and Director of the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, performed as a special guest with the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Children's Chorus.



Sarah Heading '23 completed her student teaching placement in vocal and instrumental music at West Muskingum High School by conducting the recent band and choir concert. She will graduate at the end of the fall semester. Congratulations, Sarah!

## **SPRING CLASSES**

Current students, it's not too late to sign up for classes, lessons, and ensembles for the spring semester! We offer a number of fascinating classes in the arts the fulfill General Education requirements. Ensembles like Muskie Rocks, String Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Wind Ensemble are open to students from across the university, as are studio art classes like Drawing and Sculpture. Sign up now, check out your options on our websites, and/or contact us for more details!





## FAREWELL TO PROFESSOR HEISER

We've so enjoyed and appreciated learning from Visiting Professor of Art, Sean Heiser, this semester! He'll move on next semester as Prof. Yan Sun returns from sabbatical. Thanks, Prof. Heiser, for a wonderful semester and best wishes as you continue your journey, wherever that may take you!



# PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Thinking about attending Muskingum University? We'd love to have you join us! In the arts, we offer inspiring facilities, a contemporary and diverse curriculum, and a welcoming community that meets you where you are and provides opportunities to participate in our programs across the entire campus community. We also offer scholarships for all levels of participation. Learn more online and schedule a time to visit campus and experience our close-knit community for yourself!

## **ALUMNI UPDATES**

Calling all ARTS alumni! We'd love to hear what you've been up to since leaving Muskingum. Send a brief update to music@muskingum.edu for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

Did you participate in theatre at Muskingum? All majors, minors, or participants of Muskingum Theatre are invited to take this short survey to let us know what you are up to these days: https://forms.office.com/r/cZYkwv08K4.

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## **STUDENT ART EXHIBITION WINNERS!**

Congratulations to all students participating in this month's Student Art Exhibition in Palmer Gallery! Special congratulations to the award winners: Zuri Edmondson (1st place), Cameron Roberts (2nd place), Oriana Krieg (3rd place), and all honorable mention awardees: Cheyenne Riley, Davion Grant, Luke Jewett, Amelia Shaffstall, and Lee Burkett. Special thanks to the faculty jurors: Associate Professor of English Andre DeCuir, Professor of History Laura Hilton, and Assistant Professor of Business Kristine Pray.



First Place Winner Zuri Edmondson



## **SPRING CONCERTS**

2/11/2024	3:00 PM	Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds
2/18/2024	7:00 PM	Angela Cornett Faculty Recital
2/26/2024	7:00 PM	Tour Kick-Off Concert
3/17/2024	3:30 PM	SEOSO
4/06/2024	7:00 PM	Jakob Plummer Senior Recital
4/11/2024	7:00 PM	Chamber Ensembles Concert
4/12/2024	7:00 PM	Hannah Jordan Senior Recital
4/14/2024	3:00 PM	Stacy Russell Welker and Mallory Fischer Wolfe Faculty Recital
4/15/2024	7:00 PM	Jazz Ensemble Concert
4/19/2024	7:00 PM	Concert Choir
4/21/2024	7:00 PM	SEOSO
4/28/2024	7:00 PM	Wind Ensemble with MVSW and Youth Wind Ensemble

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