

# The Muskingum Beat

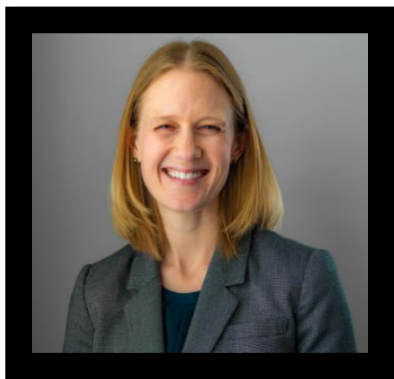


## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

It's been an incredibly busy month as we've raced through end-of-year concerts, juries, and final exams to what is now a well-deserved summer break for faculty and students. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done! We've seen our full curriculum changes pass through the final university-level approval processes (more details online). We are excited to see three senior music/music education majors and numerous minors and participants graduate and move into the next stage of their lives. We're also excited to welcome our incoming class of music students to the program through Muskie Preview Days this summer and in lessons, ensembles, and classes in the fall. We'll take a break from monthly newsletters during the summer months to focus on rest, relaxation, and large-scale projects for next year. Keep up with us on social media until then and we look forward to sharing new activities with you in the fall!

With warm regards,

Dr. Erin Bauer  
Chair and Associate Professor of Musicology



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## New Curriculum!

After mountains of paperwork and a lot of strategic decision-making, we are proud to announce that all curriculum changes for the updated music majors and minors are complete and formally approved through university processes! These changes will help incoming students achieve success within the major, decenter the traditional European emphasis of the music curriculum, open up new courses in vocology, ethno/musicology, and commercial music that will appeal to students from across the university, and allow for pathways outside of standard interest areas in performance and education. Keep an eye on social media and our department's website for more specific information about the new program.

## High School Summer Camps!

Muskingum hosts two summer camp programs for high school students on campus. Learn more and apply through our department's website: <https://www.muskingum.edu/academics/music>.

Held on campus from June 18-24, the Summer High School Music Theatre CAMP offers an exciting residential opportunity for students in grades 9-12 who want to discover and improve their skills of singing, acting, dancing and performing for the Broadway musical theatre genre!

Held on campus from July 15-22, the Cardinal Chorale Music Workshop prepares an ensemble of singers who have completed their first year of high school through their first year of college to participate in the Cardinal Chorale season. Called "Choral Ambassadors of Hope," their mission is to uplift and inspire one song at a time.

# FALL LESSONS, ENSEMBLES, AND CLASSES

Fall registration is continuing! In addition to our usual slate of lessons, ensembles, and classes intended for music majors and minors, the music department is offering 6(!) general education classes that simultaneously fulfill requirements for the music majors and minors. Many of these are brand new courses! We can't wait to teach these and look forward to robust discussions stimulated by a range of student experiences. If you or anyone you know will be attending Muskingum in the fall, please enroll or encourage them to enroll in one or more of these classes!

As always, music lessons and ensembles are open to students of all majors! We offer Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, Musical Theatre Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Spirit Band, Steel Drum Band, String Ensemble, Muskie Rocks, and many more. For more advanced students, we offer three auditioned/semi-professional ensembles: Chamber Singers, Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds, and the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra (SEOSO). Enroll today or contact us for more information!

## Graduating Seniors: Congratulations!

Congratulations to our graduating music/music education majors! We'll miss you on campus but can't wait to see where you go from here!

David Hochstetler is graduating with a bachelor's degree in music. After graduation, he will be attending the West Virginia State Police Academy.

David McDonald is graduating with bachelor's degrees in music and theatre. After graduation, he will be working at The Barn Theatre in Augusta, Michigan, before applying to graduate schools.

Robert Moore is graduating with a bachelor's degree in music education. After graduation, he intends to work in an area school teaching music. He also plans to continue participating in area community ensembles and continue as Minister of Music at First Christian Church Cambridge.





# Celebration of Excellence: Congratulations!

Congratulations to our music students who earned awards at Muskingum's Celebration of Excellence in April. These include Robert Moore (Joyce Alesandri Award for Exemplary Leadership), David Hochstetler and David McDonald (Amy B. Leiendecker Service Award for Four Years of Outstanding Service Contributions to the Department of Music), Sarah Heading (Mary Bartlett Reynolds Award for Four Years of Outstanding Contributions to the Department of Music), Heather Dawson and Hannah Jordan (Rivingston Vocal Scholarship), and James Lones (Emily Wasserman Music Scholarship). Congratulations also to the Concert Choir for a beautiful performance of "Measure Me, Sky!" by contemporary composer Elaine Hagenberg.



## END-OF-YEAR PERFORMANCES

The month of April saw a tremendous array of performances by our ensembles, both on and off campus. We are so proud of successful senior recitals by Sarah Heading (saxophone), David Hochstetler (percussion), and David McDonald (voice). Our smaller ensembles (Chamber Singers, Clarinet Ensemble, Bassoon Ensemble, String Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Steel Drum Band, Musical Theatre Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble) brought down the house with a series of performances featuring composers like Morten Lauridsen, Jason Robert Brown, and Duke Ellington. Guest pianist Gerald Lee (Professor of Piano at West Liberty University) presented a beautiful program of works by Frederic Chopin, Franz Liszt, Franz Schubert, and Alexander Scriabin. The Spring Choir Concert ("To See a World"), featuring our Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, highlighted selections from around the world, including pieces in nine languages: English, isiXhosa, Icelandic, German, Latvian, Latin, Quechua, Irish, and Japanese, as well as a song by contemporary composer Reena Esmail using Hindustani syllables meant to mimic percussion sounds. The Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra presented a season finale featuring music from "Movies, Musicals, and Television," including selections from James Bond to Pink Panther and everything in between. Finally, the Muskingum University Wind Ensemble joined forces with the Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds to present a "Spring Pops Concert" with selections from John Williams, video games, and a jazz set featuring Muskingum alumna and current voice faculty, Stacey Russell Welker and community musicians Len Thomas (piano), George DeLancey (bass), and Bill Armstrong (drums). Meanwhile, Muskie Rocks performed on campus at Muskiepalooza and off campus at Weasel Boy Brewing in Zanesville. On Friday, May 5, they performed again outside of Coles Aircraft Gallery as the featured musicians for ArtCOZ musicians of the month for the First Friday Artwalk in downtown Zanesville.

We'll take a few months off from performances for the summer, but will start publishing next year's concert schedule on our website and via social media soon; mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



# Pickleball News!

Congratulations to music education major Jackie Bradshaw for winning bronze in her Women's Singles Bracket at the 2023 Minto U.S. Open Pickleball Championships in Naples, Florida!



## END-OF-YEAR COOKOUT

Despite the rainy weather, music faculty, staff, students, and families enjoyed an evening of food and fun to celebrate a successful year. We ate hot dogs and cookies, joined in conversation, and brought the outdoor games inside!



## Contact Us!

Calling all alums! We'd love to hear what you've been up to since leaving Muskingum! Send a brief update to [music@muskingum.edu](mailto:music@muskingum.edu) for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.