

The Muskingum Mosaic

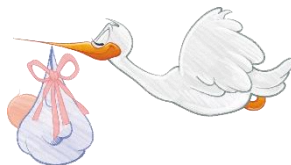


NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I'm writing these notes a few days early in anticipation of welcoming a new baby at the end of October. I'm disconnecting a bit from work for a few weeks to settle in as a family of four but grateful for everyone on campus keeping things running smoothly while I'm gone! It's been a busy month and guaranteed to get even busier as we move into the holiday season and the end of the semester and prepare for the incredible number of events in the arts happening throughout the coming weeks. I'll let you read through our recent and upcoming happenings for yourself, but we are so proud of the work our students are doing to grow in their musical, theatrical, and artistic expressions and so excited to share this work with the regional community. Interested in experiencing the arts on campus for yourself? Participate in upcoming events for local students, apply to join our programs, enroll in classes and ensembles, audition for upcoming productions, and make plans to attend the many performances and exhibitions available throughout the year!

With warm regards,

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



BABY UPDATE!

She's here! Anna Elizabeth Tyler was born Monday, October 30, at 10:53 am. 5 lb 4.5 oz; 17.25 in.

She made a bit of a dramatic entrance, but mom and baby are both doing well. She will be at the Children's Hospital in Columbus for a few more days to clear up some breathing issues, but her family is looking forward to bringing her home soon.

Congratulations Dr. Bauer and family!



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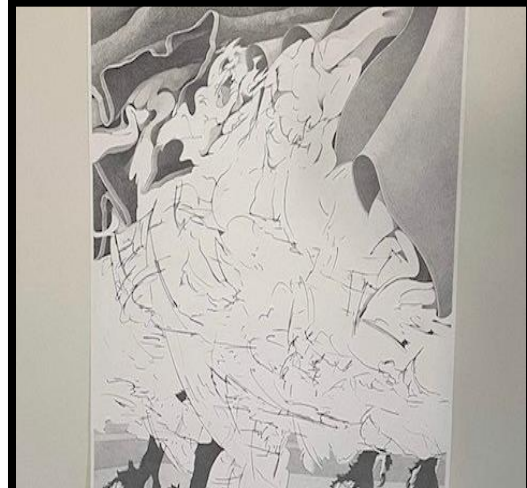
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OCTOBER RECAP



The art department hosted a successful gallery exhibition, *Seeking Ourselves in Each Other*, and reception, featuring the work of six Pittsburgh-based artists.



Art students recently completed their first project in 3D Design: recreating a houseplant with paper and cardboard. Can you tell which plants are real??

The theatre department put on a successful performance of *Arden of Feversham*, featuring a cast of 11 students, crew of 10 students, and puppets!



String students from John Glenn High School in New Concord and the Cleveland School of the Arts spent a day on campus for clinics, adjudication, rehearsal, and a combined performance.



ART ACROSS CAMPUS

Students in Ceramics II and III filled the hallway alcoves in the basement of Cambridge Hall with three-dimensional art installations. These will remain in place through the end of the semester. During the spring semester, students in Sculpture II and II will create their own installations using different materials. Following the deinstallation of the latest exhibition in Palmer Gallery, Pittsburgh-based artist Peter Barbor has generously offered to donate two art pieces to the university. The works, large-scale sculptures using straw, plaster, raw clay, pine, steel, and plastic patio chairs, will reside in the foyer of Walter Hall and the English suite in Cambridge Hall, respectively. Thanks to these students and professionals for sharing their art!

CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL YOUTHFESTS

We can't wait to host 150 high school students, nominated by their choir and band directors, on campus this month for Choral YouthFest (Saturday, November 4) and Instrumental YouthFest (Saturday, November 18)! Students will participate in a day of clinics, workshops, masterclasses, rehearsals, and combined performances, led by Muskingum Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Daniel Strychacz, Associate Professor and Director of Bands, Dr. David Turrill, and a number of our accomplished artist affiliate faculty in their areas of specialization.



MUSKINGUM VALLEY YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

We're loving the response for the inaugural Muskingum Valley Youth Wind Ensemble! This exciting new group provides a tremendous opportunity for high school wind players and percussionists to develop their musical skills and play with other talented musicians from across the region. The ensemble will begin in January 2024, meet twice a month to rehearse and work with Muskingum faculty and students, and perform on a shared concert with the Muskingum bands in April. There's still time to sign up! High school directors can nominate students at <https://tinyurl.com/r4k5n6m5>. Contact Dr. David Turrill at dturrill@muskingum.edu for more information.

OCMEA

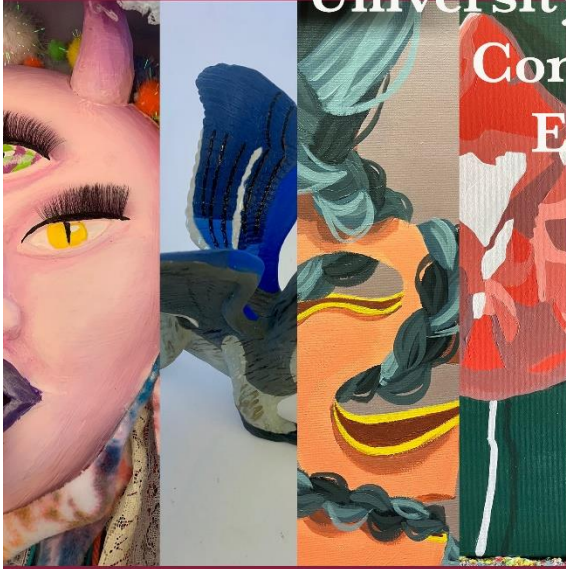
(Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association)

For last month's meeting of future music educators in OCMEA, Muskingum Instructor of Music Education and longtime music educator, Diane Box, presented information on teaching general music for elementary students. Our collegiate students participated in a range of hands-on activities intended to help young students learn music through pitch exploration and movement.



The Louis O Palmer Gallery proudly presents

The 2023 Muskingum University Student Competition Exhibition



opening reception November 15th 3-5pm
closing reception and award ceremony December 6th 3-5pm

STUDENT EXHIBITION



The Louis O. Palmer Gallery presents our annual Fall Student Exhibition, opening Wednesday, November 15, from 3-5 pm. Following this opening reception, the exhibition will offer open hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-4 pm through December 6. The show provides an experience that closely resembles processes students will find in their professional careers. A panel of faculty volunteers from across campus will jury student works and select prizes based on craftsmanship and originality, with equal consideration given to two-dimensional and three-dimensional works. The closing reception and awards ceremony on December 6 will present monetary prizes for 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, and honorable mention. Come check out the work of these talented young artists!

SPRING CLASSES

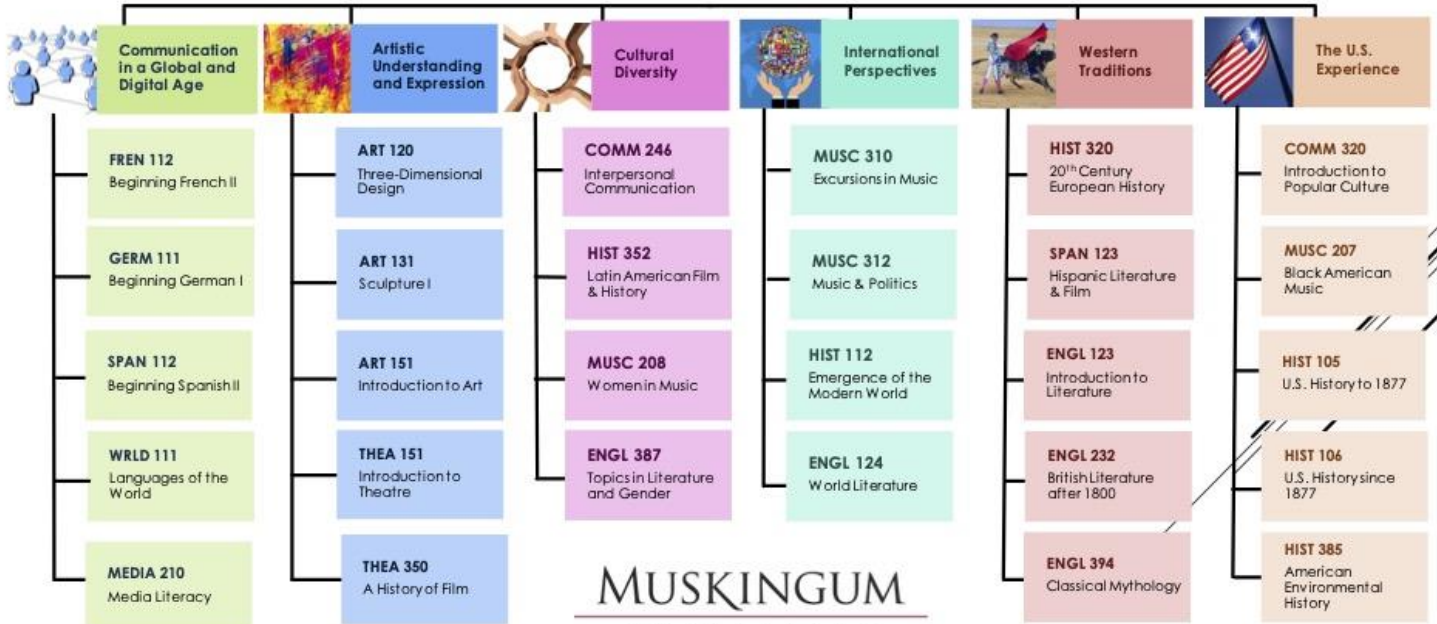
Students, check out the many exciting opportunities to take classes in the arts as majors and minors, but also as part of the general education curriculum! For the spring semester, these include Sculpture I (art), Introduction to Theatre (theatre), Black American Music (music), and many more! Music ensembles and theatre productions are also open to students from across the university, regardless of major.

SPRING 2024

Arts and Humanities

Check out these exciting classes!

Select Gen Ed Courses



DISCOVER THEATRE DAY

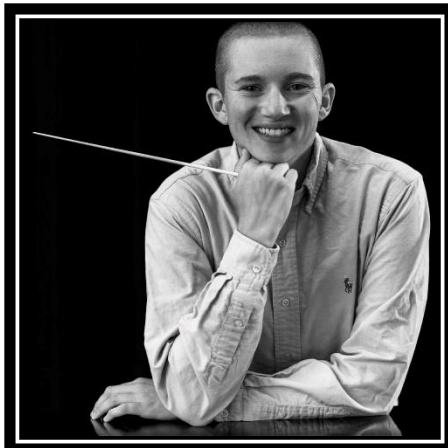
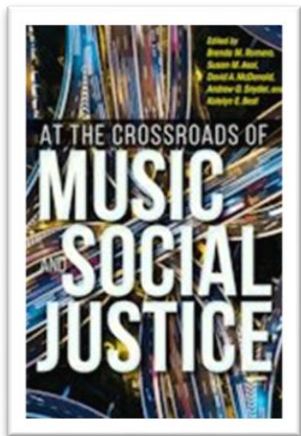
The Friends of Secrest Organization and Muskingum Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honorary are excited to host a Discover Theatre Day at Secrest Auditorium in Zanesville on November 28 from 4-6 pm! Students from ages 5 to 18 will participate in theatre workshops involving performance, technology, and games. Free and open to all K-12 students. Register at the link: <https://caking11.wixsite.com/my-site>.

ANDY WEN CONCERT

Thanks to the Special Events Committee and the Department of Music for sponsoring a guest recital by Dr. Andy Wen on alto saxophone. An accomplished teacher/performer and champion of new music, Dr. Wen has performed recitals and presented masterclasses all over the world. This concert featured two versions of a Bach cello suite, including one in a “beat-box” style, a work by Ryan Noda based on the Japanese shakuhachi flute tradition, and a work by Michele Caniato (written for Dr. Wen himself) based on his love of basketball. What a great opportunity for our students!

RESEARCH CORNER: BOOK AWARDS

The edited collection including Dr. Erin Bauer’s chapter on the Chicano movement in South Texas, *At the Crossroads of Music and Social Justice* (Indiana University Press, 2023), was recently awarded the Ellen Koskoff Edited Volume Prize for outstanding edited collection of essays in ethnomusicology and honorable mention for the Bruno Nettl Prize for outstanding publication in the history of ethnomusicology by the Society for Ethnomusicology. Check it out!



THE FRIENDS OF SECREST AUDITORIUM AND
THE MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY ALPHA PSI OMEGA THEATRE HONORARY PRESENT:

DISCOVER THEATRE DAY!



**WORKSHOPS IN ACTING, IMPROV, TEAM BUILDING,
TECHNICAL THEATRE, AND MORE!**

WHEN: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28TH, 4-6PM

WHERE: SECREST AUDITORIUM, ZANESVILLE

WHO: OPEN TO ALL AREA STUDENTS AGES 5-18

COST: FREE ADMISSION

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL THE
STUDENT'S NAME AND AGE TO
MUSKIETHEATRE@MUSKINGUM.EDU
OR SCAN THE QR CODE!



SEOSO: STUDENT CONDUCTOR

As part of the opening performance of the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, junior music education major Jackie Bradshaw conducted Reinhold Glière’s “Russian Sailor’s Dance.” Jackie currently serves as apprentice conductor for the group and has also directed the Muskingum Spirit Band, Concert Choir, and Brass Ensemble during her time on campus. Upon graduation, she plans to further her career in conducting in graduate school or a fellowship setting. Way to go, Jackie!

ART CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH TRIP

As part of his current sabbatical, Professor of Art, Yan Sun, recently attended the National Marine Art Conference of the American Society of Marine Artists (ASMA) in Albany, New York. His painting, "Morning Glow" was also published in the magazine of ASMA Volume XLIV 2023. While in the area, Prof. Sun visited The Albany Institute of History & Art, the Buffalo AKG Art Museum, the New York State Museum, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and Musee National des beaux-arts du Quebec. He created plein air painting sketches onsite at Lake Erie, a garden in Montreal, Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, and Thousand Island Lake in Canada.



MVSW: LIVING MUSIC

In addition to our student ensembles, Muskingum University offers a number of auditioned groups that allow our more advanced students to perform alongside faculty, accomplished community musicians, and professional musicians from across the region. Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds recently presented *Living Music*, featuring a moving program of works by living composers. As guest soloist, Muskingum Instructor of Tuba/Euphonium, Justin White, performed "Capriccio" for tuba and winds by Mike Forbes. Other highlights on the program included music for the video game *Skyrim*, by Julie Giroux and "Eternal Flame," which was commissioned in 2023 to commemorate the 100th season of the Zanesville Memorial Concert Band. In addition, the concert included two powerful pieces composed in memory of those lost too soon: "I Am," by Andrew Boysen, written to celebrate the life of a high school band member, and "Requiem for the Unarmed," written by Kevin Day in 2020 to honor the memory of George Floyd and countless other Black lives lost to racial injustice in the United States. If you missed this concert, the group will perform two more concerts this year (February 11 and April 28).



AUDITIONS FOR SPRING MUSICAL

Who's ready for a musical? Auditions for the spring performance of *Chicago* will take place on November 13 and 14 from 7-9 pm in room 204 of Walter Hall. For more information, contact Assistant Professor of Theatre, Cassie King, at caking@muskingum.edu. The show takes place March 21-24.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

It's hard to believe we're thinking about the holiday season already, but mark your calendars now for this year's Christmas Festival: Saturday, December 2, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel! This annual event, hosted by the Department of Music and the University Chaplain, features musical performances and readings to conclude the semester and prepare you for the Christmas season. Musical selections for this year include Gwyneth Walker's "Alpha and Omega" for choir and brass quintet, as well as Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" for choir and double brass choir, in addition to traditional Christmas carols.



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>.

John Pollock '10 (Music Education): A vocalist and originally from West Lafayette, Ohio, John currently works as an elementary music teacher for Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, North Carolina. As John explains, information learned in his Excursions in World Music class with Mary Schlacks has served him particularly well in his career, since he now teaches in a school with a wide variety of cultures, including immigrant families and refugees from all over the world.

Jillian Von Gunten '09 (Theatre): Received an Emerging Alumni Award as part of the recent Homecoming celebration on campus, recognizing alumni who in their first fifteen years of their careers have made significant contributions to their professions and their world. An attorney with Allen & Baughman, Jillian champions the arts as President of the Zanesville Community Theatre Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors. In addition, she helps meet the needs of marginalized individuals as President of the Board of Directors of the Zanesville Pride Group and through her service at Legal Aid Clinics.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- *We Belong to Each Other* (Concert Choir with Coshocton City Schools Choirs) and *Choose Joy* (Wind Ensemble): Friday, November 3, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel (free)
- Musical Theatre Ensemble Showcase: Thursday, November 9, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel (free)
- Jazz Ensemble Concert: Monday, November 13, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel (free)
- *Fall Student Exhibition* Gallery Opening: Wednesday, November 15, from 3-5 pm in the Louis O. Palmer Gallery (free)
- Chamber Ensembles Concert: Thursday, November 16, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel (free)
- *Overtone: A Light and Sound Show*: Friday, November 17, at 8 pm in Thompson Theatre, Caldwell Hall (tickets \$5 or free with a Muskingum ID; available at the door or online at <https://www.muskingum.edu/academics/theatre/production-tickets>)
- Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert: Thursday, November 30, at 7 pm in Secrest Auditorium (free with a non-perishable food donation)
- Annual Christmas Festival: Saturday, December 2, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel (free)

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