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The Muskingum Mosaic



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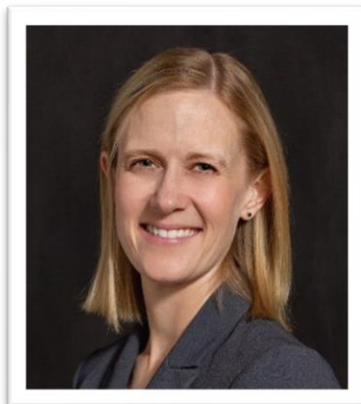
What a month it's been! We've been so excited to share our hard work with the community and can't wait to push through the next few weeks and end-of-semester festivities. First, thanks to everyone who supported the music department in our inaugural Day of Giving! Through your hard work and generosity, we raised a total of almost \$12,000, which will be put to good use in sustaining invaluable opportunities for our students. This campaign is now over, but you can still make a gift to Muskingum (in a range of areas) by clicking here:

<https://giving.muskingum.edu/campaigns/4797/donations/new>

We coordinated a span of special events in the arts this month, including the well-received production of our spring musical, *Chicago*, the insightful *Ducks!* exhibit in Palmer Art Gallery, and presentations by acclaimed musician and author Tona Brown and theatre alumna and media/film producer Linda Karn. April is concert season, and we can't wait to present a breadth of year-end performances. The music department also recently completed a successful site visit for our ten-year reaccreditation through the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). Finally, we're excited to start meeting our incoming students in the arts! If you or someone you know is interested in attending Muskingum in the fall, please reach out to tell us your plans, see what scholarship opportunities we can provide, and get enrolled in lessons, ensembles, and classes, no matter your major area. We hope to see you online, on campus, and around the community as we close out this academic year and prepare for the next!

With warm regards,

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



ALL THE CONCERTS!

April is concert season!

Mark your calendars now; we hope to see you there. Small ensemble concerts include the Chamber Ensembles Concert on Thursday, April 11, with Chamber Singers, the Clarinet Ensemble, String Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Steel Drum Band, and the Conductors Ensemble, with student conductors leading three instrumental works, as well as the Jazz Ensemble Concert on Monday, April 15. Hannah Jordan will present a senior voice recital on Friday, April 12, and Muskingum alumni (and current faculty) Stacy Russell Welker '16 and Mallory Fischer Wolfe '18 will present an additional voice recital on Sunday, April 14. Three large ensemble concerts (with special guests!) take us to the end of the semester: Concert Choir (with Cambridge High School choir and a guest oboist) will present "Lineage," honoring the legacy of those who have gone before, on Friday, April 19; the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra will perform on Sunday, April 21, and the Wind Ensemble will join with Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds and the inaugural Muskingum Valley Youth Wind Ensemble for an exciting performance on Sunday, April 28. Come take advantage of the music our students have prepared!

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DUCKS! THE ART AND HISTORY OF THE DECOY

The Ducks! exhibit was a success! Using a gifted collection of vintage duck decoys, Professor of History, Dr. Bil Kerrigan, mentored his students to build an exhibition exploring connections between the histories of hunting and wildlife preservation in the United States.



LINDA KARN '76 PRESENTATION

Distinguished Muskingum alumna, Linda Karn, spoke to students in the arts about her career as a producer for theatre and film. Karn has a great deal of success producing for Broadway (Sweeney Todd, Mrs. Doubtfire), Off-Broadway (The Gospel According to Heather, The White Chip), and Film (Matt Shepherd is a Friend of Mine, Happy Jail). She emphasized for our students that her majors in Theatre and Speech Communication from Muskingum have influenced everything she's done!



CHICAGO

Congratulations to all students who participated in an excellent production of Chicago!



JAKOB PLUMMER, SENIOR RECITAL

Congratulations to music major Jakob Plummer for a successful senior capstone, consisting of performances on bassoon of pieces by John Ernest Galliard and Antonio Vivaldi and the presentation of three original compositions.



TONA BROWN MASTERCLASS

Special thanks to Assistant Professor of English, Dr. Judah-Micah Lamar, for organizing a visit with acclaimed singer, violinist, teacher, and activist, Tona Brown. Brown was the first transgender woman of color to perform for a sitting president when she sang for then-President Barack Obama at the LGBT Leadership Gala Dinner in 2011. She is also the first trans woman to headline at Carnegie Hall. Her recent book, *Tonacity: The Tona Brown Story*, encourages people to be successful, no matter their circumstances. In talking to music students about her life, career, and challenges, Brown encouraged students not to let any obstacles, no matter how challenging, deter them from pursuing their dreams.

CAMBRIDGE HALL ALCOVES

Sculpture III student Anne Shafer spent the month of March curating other Art students' works into inventive displays in the alcoves in the basement hallway of Cambridge Hall. Anne is a double major in Theatre and Art and will be graduating this spring. She used a combination of her set-building and sculpture skills to create inventive displays, highlighting projects by 3D Design, Sculpture I and Ceramics I students. Since the basement of Cambridge houses the English Department, she's taken care to include books in each alcove. Stop by and see them from now until April 29th!



SOUTHEASTERN OHIO WATERMEDIA SOCIETY

Two art students, Ellie Kidd and Daphne Woodmansee, were accepted to the Southeastern Ohio Watermedia Society. Their four paintings were selected in the "Spring Show" at the Carnegie Wing Gallery of the Muskingum County Library. The exhibition is from March 7 through April 28, 2024. The library is open to the public every day.



Daphne Woodmansee



Ellie Kidd

MORGAN ROSE FREE
**THIS
SACRED
MESS**
OPENING APRIL 13TH

Congratulations to Assistant Professor of Art, Morgan Free, for a solo exhibition of new work in Columbus! This Sacred Mess opens on April 13th from 5-8pm, located on the third floor of 700 Bryden Road. Witness the work evolve as meticulously crafted candles are lit about halfway through the opening reception; around 6:30PM, beginning a sensory journey. Join us in embracing the ephemeral nature of art as the sun sets and the candles slowly melt. These candles serve as both art objects and catalysts for transformation, leaving the installation forever changed. The opening is free and open to the public, coinciding with OTE Arts monthly open studios event and other activities outlined here:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C5d7cCRuyZt/>



Professor Morgan Free

SENIOR ART EXHIBITION

The senior art exhibition, featuring works by Muskingum students, will run from April 9-23 in Palmer Gallery, with an opening reception on Tuesday, April 9, from 1-3 pm. Refreshments will be served at the reception! In addition, Prof. Yan Sun will present a lecture entitled "Creative AI in Art Education" on Tuesday, April 16, from 1-2:30 pm in Palmer Gallery. We hope to see you there!



SENIOR STUDENT EXHIBITION, 2024
Artwork by
Muskingum University Senior Students

RECEPTION:
TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH,
1PM UNTIL 3PM
AT MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY
PALMER GALLERY

GALLERY
EXHIBIT HOURS
MONDAY THROUGH
THURSDAY:
10AM UNTIL 4PM
WEEKENDS BY APPOINTMENT



INCOMING STUDENTS!

Are you planning to attend Muskingum in the fall? We're excited to have you! Make sure to submit your deposit soon so we know you're coming and can help get you all set with classes and such. We also offer scholarships across all areas at all levels of participation. Login to your admission account for more details or contact Prof. Cassie King (Theatre) or Prof. Erin Bauer (Art and Music). For music, we also offer scholarships for anyone accepted into an OMEA All-State Ensemble (no audition required!).

For new and returning students, we offer a wide range of lessons, ensembles, and classes that are open to anyone on campus, regardless of major. Check out general education offerings like Sculpture I (ART 131), Introduction to Theatre (THEA 151), and Vocology (MUSC 280), in addition to a variety of ensembles: Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, String Ensemble, Muskie Rocks, and more!

Still have another year or two of high school? Learn more about our programs online and schedule a time to visit campus and start the process! We'd also love to see you on campus for our summer music camps

<https://www.muskingum.edu/academics/music>

or next year for opportunities like YouthFest, String Fling, and the Muskingum Valley Youth Wind Ensemble.

HANNAH JORDAN SENIOR RECITAL

Join us this Friday, April 14th at 7 pm in Brown Chapel for an enchanting evening with soprano Hannah Jordan and collaborative pianist Caroline Heading. Experience an emotive journey through Hannah's senior recital as she presents a captivating repertoire featuring works that explore themes of love, night, and loss. From the timeless melodies of Schubert to the poignant compositions of Florence Price, Hannah's performance promises to be a memorable musical experience. Admission is free and open to the public. Don't miss out on this opportunity to witness exceptional talent in an intimate setting.

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/cZYkww08K4>.



Kellie Ford '10 (Music Education):

Currently works at as K-7 Music Educator at Crooksville Elementary School and Crooksville Middle School. As Kellie explains, "I'm proud to be a Muskingum alum because it's such a small, tight-knit community. Wherever I go, I can always find another alum. There is still a connection, even if my major or graduation year was different."



Katie Roush-Herron '14 (Middle Childhood Education):

Currently works as a 5th Grade Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher at Morgan East Elementary School. Katie attributes her success in college to her participation in music: "If not for the music program, I would have dropped out of college . . . After falling in love with the music department and how much it felt like 'family,' I opened my eyes to the rest of the wonderful things Muskingum had to offer. I thrived at Muskingum, received an amazing teacher-education, have my dream job, and I even still get to perform with musicians at Muskingum. I truly believe the music department is why I'm here."

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