

February 2024

The Muskingum Mosaic



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

The theme of January has been travel! Music students traveled first to the Ohio Private College Instrumental Conductors Association (OPCICA) Honors Festival at the University of Findlay, then to Columbus to perform with the String Ensemble for alumni and the Board of Trustees at the Winter Social at the Columbus Country Club, and finally back to Columbus for the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Professional Development Conference. Meanwhile, theatre students traveled to Pittsburgh for the Kennedy Center/American Theatre Festival (KCACTF). We've been working hard to prepare for upcoming concerts, productions, and the spring music tour. We also look forward to welcoming prospective arts students to campus for scholarship auditions and portfolio reviews, as well as campus-wide events like upcoming Scholarship Days. If you or someone you know is thinking about attending Muskingum in the fall, please reach out to learn more about our programs in the arts and the scholarships we can provide! Music faculty were excited to reconnect with alumni at our reception at OMEA and look forward to further engaging with friends of the department as we prepare to participate in the campus-wide Day of Giving in March. Please reach out if you're interested in serving as a music advocate and keep an eye out for ways to support the department on the day of the event! With warm regards,

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



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DAY OF GIVING

Love music at Muskingum? Please consider supporting our program as a music advocate during the upcoming Day of Giving! Advocates will serve as champions of our program, using email, text, and social media to encourage others to participate. All donations generated through the Day of Giving allow the department to give our students opportunities we might not otherwise be able to provide.

Interested? Create an account at givecampus.com or contact us at music@muskingum.edu. Keep an eye out for the campus-wide Day of Giving in March and consider making a gift to the music program. We really appreciate your support and are excited to share this event with you!

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DAY OF *Giving*

MARCH 19-20, 2024

Help current Music Muskies experience a “Life More Abundant” by donating or becoming an advocate during the 1837 minutes of Day of Giving.

WHAT IS AN ADVOCATE?

Our advocates for Day of Giving are the champions and cheerleaders of the campaign.

Advocates encourage others to participate during Day of Giving primarily through social media and email.

We make being an advocate as easy as possible with a toolkit that includes sample emails, texts, and social posts.

Make an impact as an advocate by asking your networks to join you in supporting Muskingum on Day of Giving.

MAKE A GIFT!

Scan this QR code with your mobile device to make a gift on Day of Giving.

No gift is too small and every dollar helps current Muskies to live a “Life More Abundant”!



BECOME AN ADVOCATE

Create an Account

Go to [Givecampus.com](https://gocampus.com) and click “Log In” at the top of the page. If you already have a Give Campus account, simply sign in.

Consider Your Gift

Lead by example and make your own gift early.

Share, Share, Share

The built-in sharing buttons on the campaign page generate a link that is unique to you. Share via social media, email, text, or phone.

Tell Your Story

Create a Personal Plea and post it to the campaign page. Keep it quick, casual, and fun!



Six music students participated in Ohio Private College Instrumental Conductors Association (OPICA) Honors Festival at the University of Findlay.



The String Ensemble performed for alumni and the Board of Trustees at the Winter Social at the Columbus Country Club.



Music students and faculty attended the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Professional Development Conference in Columbus.



Muskingum hosted an alumni reception at the OMEA Professional Development Conference.



The opening reception for "New Vision in the New Year" had a great turnout. The exhibit runs through February 14 in the Palmer Gallery on campus.



Students are hard at work preparing for the spring musical: Chicago. The show opens on March 21.



Theatre students and faculty attended the Kennedy Center/American Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in Pittsburgh.



Dr. David Turrill, Associate Professor of Music, Director of Bands, and Coordinator of Music Education, was honored at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Professional Development Conference for twenty-five years of teaching. Congratulations, Prof. Turrill!

ALL-STATE SCHOLARSHIPS!

Did you, your students, or someone you know earn acceptance to one of the 2024 OMEA All-State Ensembles (Orchestra, Choir, Jazz Ensemble, or Band)? All students who participated in one of this year's All-State Ensembles are eligible for a scholarship to major, minor, or participate in music at Muskingum (no audition required; applicable whenever students enter college)! Students will receive more details soon in formal offer letters delivered to their high schools, but please reach out to discuss this offer or our program in more detail. We understand and appreciate the dedication it takes to earn a place at All-State and welcome these talented musicians into our program!

SCHOLARSHIP PORTFOLIOS, APPLICATIONS & AUDITIONS



Have you already applied and been accepted to attend Muskingum? You're eligible to apply for scholarships in the arts! Login to your admission account for more details or contact Prof. Cassie King (Theatre) or Prof. Erin Bauer (Art and Music).

In art, scholarships are available for students who demonstrate artistic potential through an art portfolio review. A designated scholarship review day is coming up on Monday, February 19, or schedule an individual time for a portfolio review in person, digitally, or virtually. More information is available on our website: <https://www.muskingum.edu/financial-aid/art-scholarship>.

In music, performance and non-performance scholarships are available for all areas of interest and levels of participation. A designated scholarship audition day is coming up on Monday, February 19, or schedule an individual time for an audition or portfolio review in person, digitally, or virtually. More information is available on our website: <https://www.muskingum.edu/academics/music/auditions-scholarships>.

In theatre, a variety of performance scholarships are available across multiple areas of interest. Submit an application form through your admission account; additional requirements may apply depending on each scholarship. More information is available on our website: <https://www.muskingum.edu/financial-aid/comm-scholarships>.

LOVE & GERSHWIN CONCERT

The Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds will present “Love and Gershwin” on Sunday, February 11, at 3 p.m. The concert intertwines Valentine’s Day and a tribute to U.S. American composer George Gershwin. Opening the concert is Gordon Jacob’s William Byrd Suite, a setting of Elizabethan keyboard works freely transcribed for winds. These delightful pieces are followed by the powerful work from the Act II of Richard Wagner’s opera Lohengrin, Elsa’s Procession to the Cathedral. After intermission, the program turns to the music of U.S. American composer and pianist George Gershwin. An American in Paris is a work inspired by Gershwin’s time in Paris and evokes the energy of the French capital during the 1920s. The centerpiece of the program is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the premiere of Gershwin’s masterwork Rhapsody in Blue, performed by Muskingum faculty pianist Harsha Abeyaratne, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Keyboard Studies. Gershwin wrote that the musical inspiration of this work coming to him while on a train journey to Boston, and that he heard the piece as a sort of “musical kaleidoscope of America, and of our metropolitan madness.”

The Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds exists as a partnership with Muskingum University and is comprised of local amateur and professional musicians, as well as Muskingum students, faculty, and staff. The Symphonic Winds receives funding from the Ohio Arts Council. It is conducted by David Turrill, Muskingum Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands.

The concert is free and open to the public, but donations will be accepted at the door.

FACULTY BASSOON RECITAL

Muskingum Instructor of Bassoon, Prof. Angela Cornett, will present a recital on Sunday, February 18, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel. Free and open to the public with no tickets required.

As a freelance bassoonist, Angela Cornett loves to share the instrument with others. Currently she has 18 students in her private lessons’ studio and travels around Licking, Muskingum, Fairfield, and Perry County to teach them. She is the principal bassoonist of Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, Muskingum Valley Wind Symphony and The Zanesville Memorial Band. She is a General Music teacher for Blessed Sacrament School in Newark, Ohio. She lives in Zanesville with her husband of 25 years, Matt, and their two sons, Wesley and Wyatt.



Muskingum University Faculty Recital

ANGELA CORNETT

Bassoon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
Brown Chapel at 7:00 pm

Featuring
Josh Whetstone, *piano*
Jakob Plummer, *bassoon*
Lily Woodford, *bassoon*
Scott Coffey, *bassoon*

Free and open to public

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MUSIC TOUR AND KICK-OFF CONCERT

The Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, String Ensemble, and Muskie Rocks will join forces at the end of the month to travel to Chicago with performances at schools and churches along the way.

Our ensembles will perform a wide range of music across all styles and genres. During the day, students will perform at various schools along their journey, including West Muskingum High School, Lakewood High School, Coshocton Elementary School, and Coshocton High School. Evening performances will be given at the First United Methodist Church in Newark (88 N. Fifth Street, Newark, Ohio 43055) at 7 pm on Thursday, February 29, and the First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky (265 Jackson Street, Sandusky, OH 44870) at 7 pm on Friday, March 1.

The performance tour will involve around 80 students and is led by music faculty Dr. Daniel Strychacz (Concert Choir and Chamber Singers), Dr. David Turrill (Wind Ensemble), and Dr. Laura Schumann (String Ensemble and Muskie Rocks). All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the music department at music@muskingum.edu.

We'll also present a launch concert on campus on Monday, February 26, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel.

ART TALK: BEVERLY KORNACK

The current art exhibition, "New Vision in the New Year," featuring works by Beverly Kornack, XC Huang, Raymond Ramos, and Mary Ramos, runs in the Palmer Art Gallery on campus through Wednesday, February 14, with open hours Monday through Thursday from 10-3 pm. Local artist Beverly Kornack will present an art talk on Wednesday, February 7, from 1-2:50 pm.



MUSICAL TICKETS

Tickets to the spring musical, Chicago, will go on sale at the end of February. The show runs March 21-24. Visit <https://www.muskingum.edu/academics/theatre/production-tickets> for tickets!

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THEATRE DISCOVERY DAY

Muskingum's theatre honorary will host a theatre discovery day for local K-12 students at Secret Auditorium on February 8th. Muskingum students will lead workshops in acting, lighting, playwrighting, design, and wig styling for around thirty local students.

STRATFORD FESTIVAL

Exciting Trip Announcement! Located in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, the Stratford Festival is North America's largest classical repertory theatre company. More than a dozen productions in four distinctive venues are presented each season including classics, contemporary dramas, and musicals, with special emphasis on the plays of Shakespeare.

Thanks to the generosity of John W. Gardner '68 and his wife, Therese, Muskingum University students will have the opportunity to experience this world-renowned theatre festival, offering outstanding performances, backstage tours, and workshops. The trip will take place August 19-24, 2024. Students will be applying and interviewing in February for the opportunity to attend this trip.

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!

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KENNEDY CENTER AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATRE FESTIVAL (KCACTF)

Sixteen theatre students traveled to Pittsburgh to attend the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. These students presented their work in performance, musical theatre, and design-technology, as well as attended workshops, performances, and speakers. Students in attendance were: Amber Bowering, Lex Caley, Desiré Correa, Alyssa Derry, Savannah Hurt, Gabby Jones, Auggie Niner, Roscoe Ramirez, Anne Shafer, Cassie Shafer, Kailyn Shalosky, Katelyn Smith, Emma Snide, Abby Stillion, Davey Toth, and Kaylynn Yockey.

While we cannot easily showcase the work of our performers, our design-tech-management students were able to bring their displays and projects home from Pittsburgh, which are now temporarily on display in the Caldwell Hall 3rd floor Lobby. The fourteen projects on display include projects in just about every area of offstage theatre—Scenery, Costumes, Lighting, Sound, Props, Hair, Makeup, Paint, Stage Management and even a devised work created during an event at the festival.





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Department of Music

Spring 2024 Performances

February

- 11** Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds 3 pm
 - 18** Faculty Recital: Angela Cornett, bassoon 7 pm
 - 26** Tour Kick-Off Concert 7 pm
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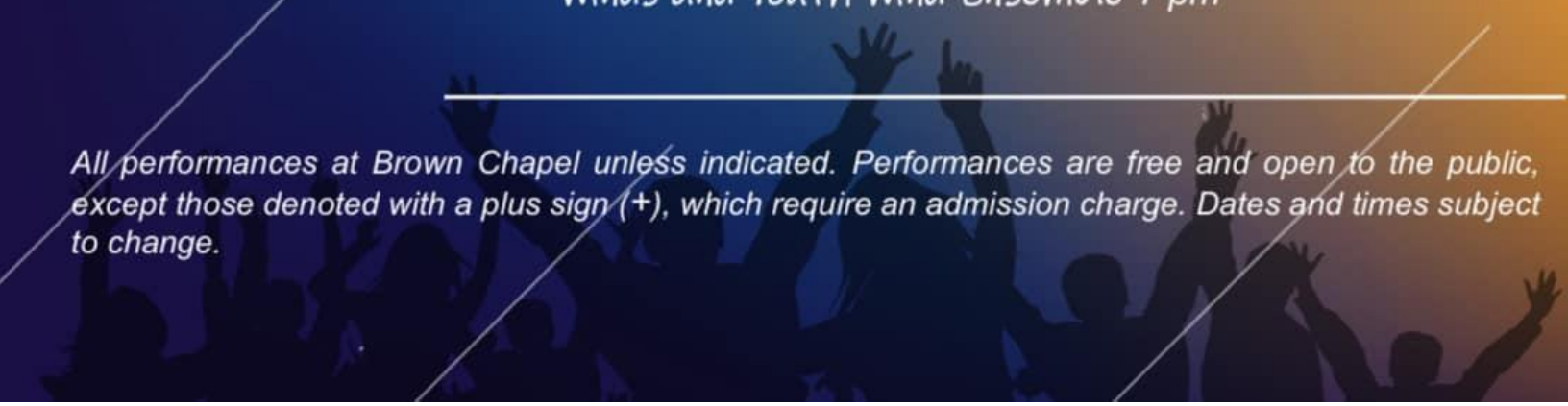
March

- 17** + Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra 3:30 pm
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April

- 6** Senior Recital: Jakob Plummer, bassoon 7 pm
 - 11** Chamber Ensembles Concert 7 pm
 - 12** Senior Recital: Hannah Jordan, soprano 7 pm
 - 14** Faculty/Alumna Recital: Stacy Russell Welker and Mallory Fischer Wolfe, voice 3 pm
 - 15** Jazz Ensemble Concert 7 pm
 - 19** Concert Choir 7 pm
 - 21** + Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra 7 pm
 - 28** Wind Ensemble with Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds and Youth Wind Ensemble 7 pm
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All performances at Brown Chapel unless indicated. Performances are free and open to the public, except those denoted with a plus sign (+), which require an admission charge. Dates and times subject to change.



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>.*

Owen Williams '05 (Art): Worked as a graphic designer in the marketing department at Quanex Building Products. Currently serves as an instructor in the Graphic Art and Design program at the Mid-East Career and technology Centers.

Shelley Burley '12 (Music): Currently serves as music director at the First United Pentecostal Church in Zanesville. Recorded a gospel album in 2016 in Nashville entitled God's Grace. Annually writes, produces, and directs "Once Upon a Christmas" at Secrest Auditorium, with all proceeds benefiting Christ's Table to provide food for those who need it across Muskingum County.



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