

January 2024

The Muskingum Mosaic



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

We're back! It's been a quiet few weeks, but we're excited to be back on campus with the start of the new semester. We're initiating a few new projects this semester, such as the Muskingum Valley Youth Wind Ensemble, including 75 talented high school musicians from across the region; a special art exhibition in conjunction with a class in American Environmental History, including a substantial collection of duck decoys; and initial rehearsals for the spring musical: Chicago. We have music students traveling to the University of Findlay for the OPCICA Honors Concert Band and to Columbus for the annual OMEA Professional Development Conference. We're also busy in preparation for our spring music tour to northern Ohio and Chicago. We're also excited to start meeting with prospective students, offer scholarship opportunities, and learn who will be joining us for the fall semester. If you're thinking about attending Muskingum in the fall or know someone who is, I encourage you (or them) to reach out, come see what we have to offer, apply/audition for scholarships in the arts, and strongly consider joining our programs! We're including the spring event schedules here; please mark your calendars, and we hope to see you soon on campus!

With warm regards,

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



SPRING ART EXHIBITIONS

Don't miss our series of art lectures, receptions, and exhibitions coming up this semester! First up: "New Vision in the New Year," featuring works by Beverly Kornack, XC Huang, Raymond Ramos, and Mary Ramos. The exhibition runs in the Palmer Art Gallery on campus from Monday, January 22, through Wednesday, February 14, with open hours Monday through Thursday from 10-3 pm. The opening reception takes place on Wednesday, January 24, from 1-3 pm. Beverly Kornack will present an art talk on Wednesday, February 7, from 1-2:50 pm.

Keep an eye out for information on our subsequent special exhibition: "Ducks! The Art and History of the Decoy" (March 11-27) and the 2024 Senior Exhibition (April 9-23).

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MUSKINGUM VALLEY YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

The inaugural Muskingum Valley Youth Wind Ensemble (MVYWE) launched in January 2024! Comprised of 75 of the region's strongest instrumentalists, the MVYWE provides an opportunity for advanced high school students looking for additional performance opportunities. In addition, current Muskingum music students will have the opportunity to work with the ensemble as they cultivate skills in planning, coaching, and conducting. The MVYWE will rehearse twice a month through the spring semester and will perform on a concert with the Muskingum Bands in late April.



OPCICA HONORS CONCERT BAND

Six Muskingum music students, Logan Kasinecz, James Lones, Jakob Plummer, Courtney Davidson, Addie Young, and Heather Dawson were selected to perform in the Ohio Private College Instrumental Conductors Association (OPCICA) Honors Concert Band in the 2024 OPCICA Honors Festival **January 20-21**. This year's festival is being hosted by the University of Findlay and will feature a premiere of a work by Erika Svanoe commissioned by OPCICA. Muskingum University is a founding member of OPCICA, which holds an annual honors festival. OPCICA is comprised of the private colleges and universities in Ohio.

MUSIC ALUMNI RECEPTION

Attending the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Professional Development Conference at the beginning of February? Mark your calendars now for the Muskingum alumni reception, **Friday, February 2, from 6:15-7:45 pm**, on-site at the Columbus Convention Center. Come share what you've been up to recently, hear what's new in music at Muskingum, and enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres with current students, faculty and staff, and fellow alumni.



SPRING MUSICAL

CHICAGO

The musicians, cast, and crew for the spring musical, Chicago, are already hard at work with the first read-through, design presentations, and initial rehearsals. Mark your calendars now for performance dates: **Thursday-Sunday, March 21-24**. We can't wait to share this wonderful production with you!

AMERICA 250 - OHIO

Prof. Yan Sun and former Muskingum professor, Hong Yin, have been selected by the America 250-Ohio Commission to represent the wonders of Ohio. Five of their paintings will be exhibited in Columbus through 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Congratulations!

Currently on display at America 250-Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. Yan Sun's "New Philadelphia, Ohio" captures the spirit of Tuscarawas County Courthouse. This acrylic painting presents a festive scene adorned with the American flag, Ohio flag, and vibrant banners, set amidst the surrounding trees. Yan Sun has brought forth the patriotic grandeur of this Ohio landmark, celebrating both local and national heritage.

"New Philadelphia, Ohio" by Yan Sun. Acrylic on canvas, 40" x 30".



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. Schedule a time 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>.



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>.

Antony Dunlap '14 (Music Education): Teaches band and choir at Crooksville High School. In his nine years on the job, Antony has achieved widespread recognition for growing the program and engaging students in creating music. For example, the Crooksville marching band qualified for the state marching band finals this year for the first time, then went to state and earned a superior rating. Congratulations to Antony and his students!



SPRING CONCERT SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars now for an exciting line-up of performances coming up this semester!

Upcoming Events

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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

March

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

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

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.