

The Muskingum Mosaic

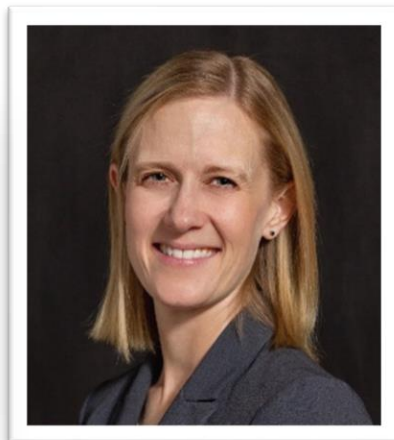


NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I'm writing from the comfort of Spring Break, following a busy lead-up to our recent music tour and preparation for an upcoming special art exhibition, "Ducks! The Art and History of the Decoy," and presentation of the spring musical, Chicago. We're excited to welcome you to campus to experience these invigorating events! In the meantime, the music department is preparing for a very full slate of concerts coming up in April, including two senior capstone recitals (Jakob Plummer on bassoon and Hannah Jordan on voice) and a faculty/alumna voice recital. We're also excited to participate in this year's university-wide Day of Giving on Tuesday, March 19. Please consider supporting our music students in this way and please help us to spread the word. No gift is too small! All donations will provide our students with experiences we would not otherwise be able to offer. More information and the link to donate are below. In addition, we undergo our reaccreditation process through the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) at the end of the month. Finally, we're busy meeting with prospective students, sharing more about our programs in the arts and offering scholarships for participation. Please direct any interested students our way! Enjoy the warming weather and we look forward to seeing you on campus, in the community, and/or on social media as we move rapidly through the rest of the spring semester.

With warm regards,

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



SAVE THE DATE! On Tuesday, March 19, the music program will participate in Muskingum University's Day of Giving. Please join us in supporting student opportunities in music and please help us in spreading the word. No gift is too small! Every donation goes directly to Muskingum music students for opportunities like travel experiences, new equipment, master classes, and more! Your support makes a world of difference in the lives of our musicians!

Learn more and donate here:

<https://giving.muskingum.edu/day-of-giving-adaytoremember2024>

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!

DUCKS!

The Art and History of the Decoy

A sampling of vintage and fine art duck decoys from the collection of Bill Rothwell.

General gallery hours are Monday - Friday from 2 - 4 PM, during the exhibition.

EXHIBITION

March 11 - 27, 2024

“Ducks! The Art and History of the Decoy” opens in the Palmer Gallery on campus on Monday, March 11, with an opening reception from 2-4 pm on Tuesday, March 12. Don't miss it! This exciting exhibit was inspired by a generous gift to Muskingum University by long-time benefactor Bill Rothwell. The centerpiece includes a curated selection of vintage and fine art duck decoys. In addition, students currently enrolled in the American Environmental History class, taught by Professor of History, Dr. Bil Kerrigan, have been working hard to set these objects in context through individual and group research projects. What they have learned about the histories of waterfowl in North America, American hunting culture, the history of wetlands, the early history of American conservation policy, and the politics of environmental activism will be displayed on student-created posters that line the gallery walls. Student presentations take place in the gallery at 2 pm on March 14, 19, 21, and 23. Visitors are welcome. Regular gallery hours for this special exhibition are Monday through Friday from 2-4 pm. The exhibit closes on March 27.

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>



Dr. Abeyaratne performed Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue with the student, faculty, and community members of Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds, directed by Dr. Turrill.



Muskingum students, faculty, and local band directors helped with sectionals and rehearsal for the Muskingum Valley Youth Wind ensemble.



Prof. Angela Cornett, instructor of bassoon, performed a faculty recital with guests.



Dr. Schumann enjoyed working with the John Glenn High School Orchestra!



The Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, String Ensemble, and Muskie Rocks traveled to Chicago for the annual music tour with performances at schools and churches along the way.





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!

SUMMER MUSIC 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 16-22, 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 13-20, 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.

SPRING MUSICAL: CHICAGO

Don't miss our spring musical! The Departments of Theatre and Music present Kander and Ebb's Chicago! Set in the 1920s and based on real events, this satirical show follows wannabe jazz age stars who get their fame not just for their singing or dancing talent, but for committing murders that make sensationalized headlines all across the city of Chicago. Due to the nature of this show it is rated PG-13.

<https://www.muskingum.edu/academics/theatre/production-tickets>

The show runs March 21-24.





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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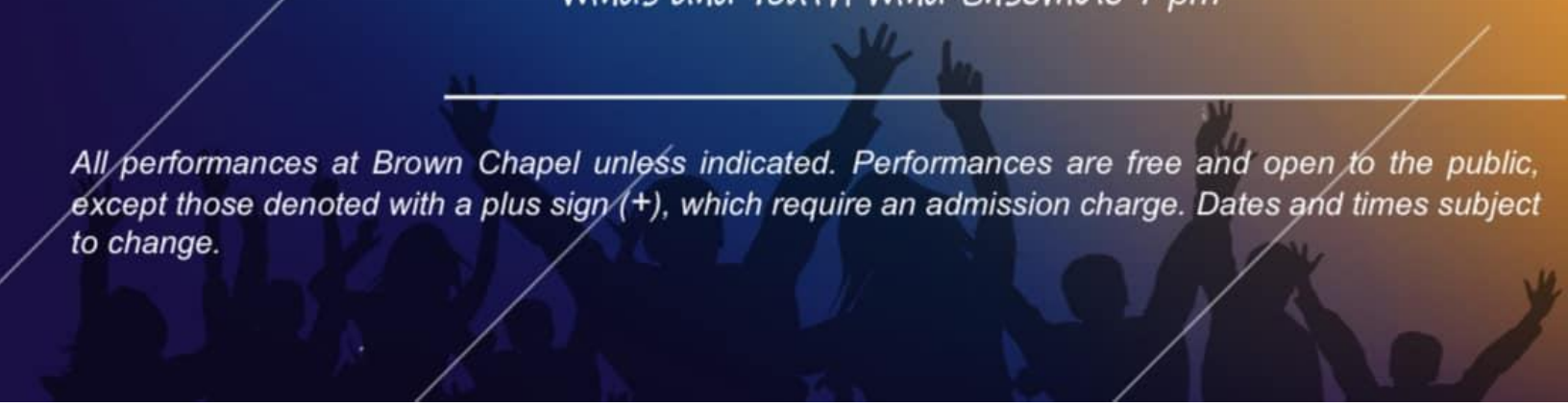
March

- 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>.

David Lawrence McDonald '23

Hometown: Mount Vernon

Major: Music and Theatre

Primary instrument or voice type: Voice (Baritone)

Current location and occupation: Music Director for Roscoe United Methodist Church, and Interim Coordinator for Cultural Engagement and Inclusion for Muskingum University.

Why did you choose to attend Muskingum? I was tricked into a college visit by family but fell in love with the campus and it became my home.

How has your time in the music program at Muskingum served you well in your career? The music program gave me a new perspective on music and how music can serve a community. I want to bring everyone together through music from all walks of life. I found connections that I had no idea would take me to where I am now.

What makes you proud to be a Muskingum alum? Now that I am on the other side of Muskingum life, I can say with certainty that Muskingum cares about the students. It is not just an institution, it is people. The staff and faculty want the students to succeed, earn a degree, and achieve.

Favorite class and/or professor: Vocology

Favorite Muskingum memory: Going to the Ohio Music Educators Association conference in Columbus with some of my favorite people.

Words of wisdom for music students: Set goals, not time limits. In the practice room and outside. It's your journey.



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