

The Muskingum Mosaic

November 2024

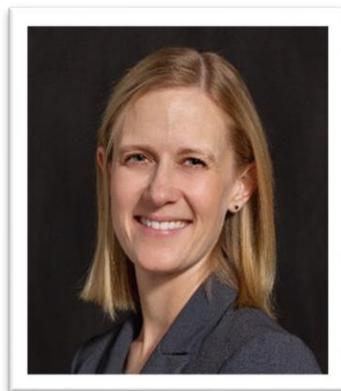


NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

November brings a rich array of activities across the arts at Muskingum. We are so proud of our students' recent accomplishments, including senior recitals, successful capstone projects, and dynamic performances. In music, we've relished the opportunity to welcome over 200 high school students to campus to participate in our annual YouthFest activities. These events highlight the hard work and dedication of our students and faculty. In addition, we are so grateful to our generous supporters, whose recent donations are enhancing our facilities and providing exciting new opportunities for our students. Looking ahead, we're excited to close out the semester with a robust calendar of performances. We are also thrilled to invite current students to apply for our Stratford Shakespeare Festival Trip, where they will dive into world-class theatre experiences. As we reflect on these successes, we remain committed to providing our students with meaningful, high-quality experiences in the arts. Thank you for your continued involvement and encouragement. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events, and, as always, please feel free to reach out and stay connected!

With warm regards,

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



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STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

The final gallery show of the fall semester – the 2024 Student Competition Exhibition – opens on Monday, November 18, with an opening reception on Tuesday, November 19, from 2-3:30 pm in Louis Palmer Gallery. The show runs through December 3. In conjunction with this exhibit, Prof. Yan Sun will speak on the “Challenges of Using AI in Art Education” on Thursday, November 21, at 2:00 pm in the gallery.

Upcoming Music Performances!

Don't miss our upcoming music performances! The chamber ensembles, including Clarinet Choir, Percussion Ensemble, Steel Drum Band, and Chamber Singers, will perform works by Archangelo Corelli, Arthur Frackenpohl, Sarah Hennies, and more on Monday, November 18, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel. On Thursday, November 21, the Musical Theatre Ensemble will present a series of scenes and musical numbers at 7 pm in Walter Hall, Room 204. Music Education major James Lones will present a senior recital on clarinet on Friday, November 22, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel. On Sunday, November 24, at 3 pm in Brown Chapel, Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds will present “French Impressions,” featuring Muskingum instructor of flute, Angela Heck Mueller. The Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra will present their annual holiday concert on Thursday, December 5, at 7 pm in Secrest Auditorium in Zanesville.

And finally, save the date for our annual Christmas Festival, entitled “The Light of Hope Returning” and scheduled for Friday, December 6, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel. This year's program reflects the U.S. American folk heritage, bringing together strands of Appalachian and Shape Note traditions with Gospel and Spiritual traditions, along with echoes of folk roots from the British Isles.

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**MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY
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THE SHOW IS FREE TO STUDENTS,
FRIENDS, & THE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 21, 22, 23 | 7:00 PM

JOURNEY TO LONG NOSE 🧠

Don't miss the upcoming presentation of *Journey to Long Nose*, written and performed by Muskingum communication professor, Rachel Pollock. Performances on Friday, November 22, and Saturday, November 23, at 7 pm in the Thompson Theatre. Free, with open seating. Preview performance, followed by a reception and Meet the Artists panel, on Thursday, November 21, at 7 pm. The production was presented this summer at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where it was described as "A heartfelt look into [Pollock's] journey of discovery," and at the Capital Fringe Festival in Washington, D.C., where it was described as "Chock-full of humor and satire, accompanied by a constant vein of honesty and self-analysis." It is supported by a Muskingum University Faculty Grant, the Muskingum University Theatre Department, the Ohio Arts Council, the Muskingum County Community Foundation, and Big Fish Folklife. Don't miss it!

SUCCESSFUL YOUTHFESTS!

Last weekend, the Muskingum music department welcomed some 50 students from 8 regional high schools for our annual Choral YouthFest. Students spent the day in rehearsal with Dr. Stryczac and in workshops with other music faculty. They then performed a combined concert for family and friends. This weekend, we welcome an additional 150 students across two different bands for our annual Instrumental YouthFest. Students will participate in a day of clinics, workshops, masterclasses, rehearsals, and combined performances. Thanks to all who have or will participate in these impactful events!



MUSIC DONATION!

Special thanks to Dr. Craig '73 and Deborah Anderson '74 for their generous gift in support of the music department. We are so excited to give our students the opportunities to perform on new, high-quality string instruments, take class in our expanded piano and composition lab— with new instruments, new computers, and new music production software— and make beautiful music in Brown Chapel with our new acoustic shell. We are incredibly grateful for this impactful gift!



STRATFORD SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL TRIP 2025

Applications are now open for the Stratford Shakespeare Festival Trip, scheduled for August 11-18. Current students can apply to spend a week in Canada and see 8-12 professional shows, take backstage tours, talk to professionals, and more! Most expenses are covered by a generous gift from John and Therese Gardner. Students are only responsible for passport fees (if needed), food, and any souvenirs desired. All majors welcome. Applications due by December 6. Questions? Contact Prof. Cassie King (caking@muskingum.edu) or Prof. Diane Rao (drao@muskingum.edu).

SPRING ARTS COURSES

Current students: don't miss your opportunity to take interesting and exciting classes in the arts next semester!

In theatre, consider general education courses like Design I (THEA 265), History of Film (THEA 350; online), or American Musical Theatre History and Structure (THEA 360; online).

In art and design, consider general education courses like Drawing I (ART 112), Ceramics I (ART 121), Introduction to Digital Arts (ART 161; online), or Art History I (ART 350; online).

In music, consider general education courses like History of Popular Music (MUSC 110), Music and Ideas (MUSC 121), Black American Music (MUSC 207; online), Excursions in World Music (MUSC 310), or Music and Religion (MUSC 314).

We also offer a range of lessons and ensembles that are open to students from across the university! In particular, Wind Ensemble (MUSC 161), Concert Choir (MUSC 162), Musical Theatre Ensemble (MUSC 164), Steel Drum Band (MUSC 170), String Ensemble (MUSC 171), and Muskie Rocks (MUSC 172).

Theatre 360: American Musical Theatre: History and Structure



OPEN TO ALL MAJORS: An exploration of the development and history of the American musical and its impact on theatre in the United States and abroad. Students will study the evolution of the art-form in order to understand the structure of musical script, and will be given the opportunity to start developing their own musical. This class is fully online so you can work when you want throughout the week!

Online: Asynchronous Gen Ed Category 13



THE STEEL DRUM BAND

Muskingum's Steel Drum Band, led by the talented Professor Jim Lindroth, will be performing this Monday, November 18th at 7:00 PM in Brown Chapel during the Chamber Ensembles Concert. Don't miss the chance to hear this fun and lively group bring the vibrant sounds of the steel drums to life!

Come enjoy an evening of infectious rhythms and tropical tunes—it's sure to be a performance you won't forget!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Congratulations to John Logan Kasinecz for a successful senior recital on guitar and saxophone!

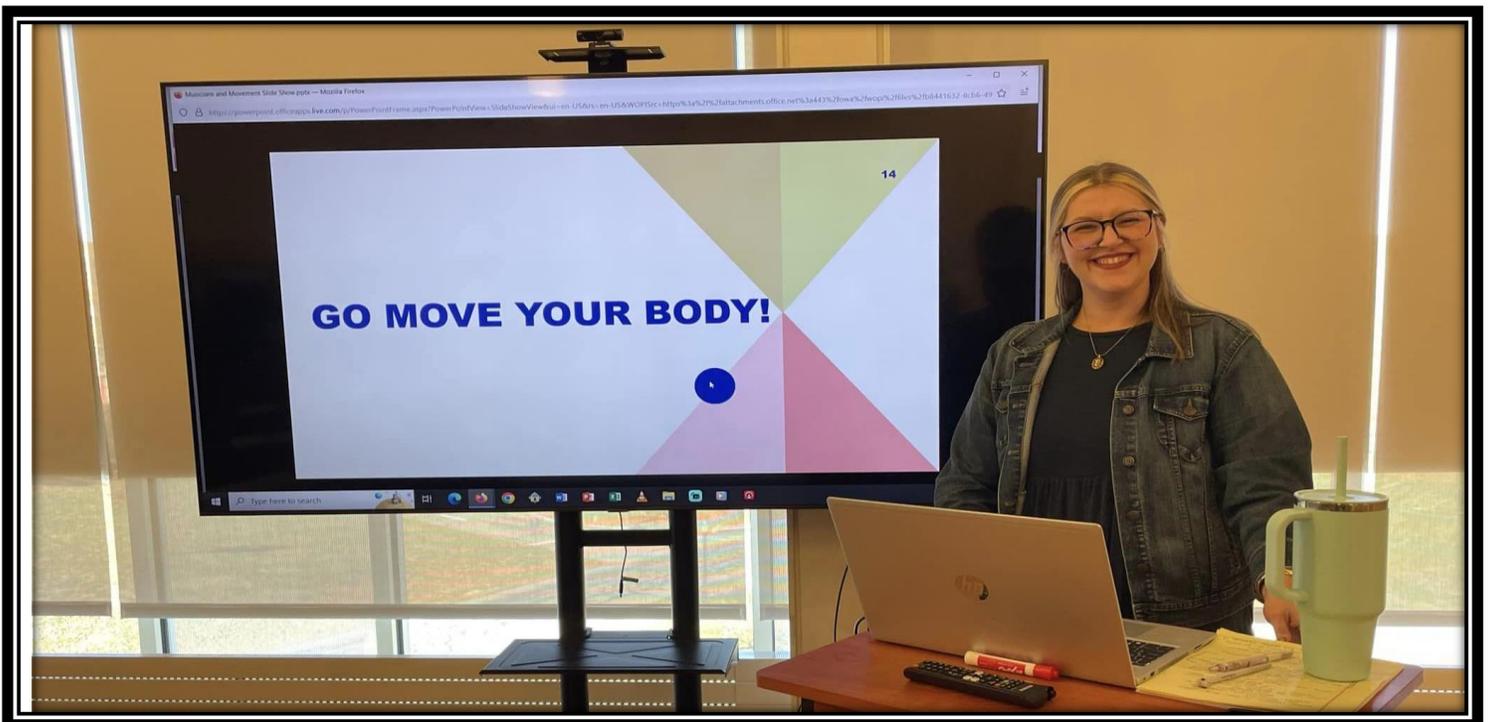


Congratulations to James Lones for successfully conducting the Wind Ensemble's performance of *Elements*, by Brian Balmages, as part of his senior capstone project.



Congratulations to Jackie Bradshaw for successfully conducting the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra in concert with Puddles Pity Party, as part of her senior capstone project.

SENIOR CAPSTONES



Thanks to alumna and Muskingum voice instructor Stacy Russell Welker for her presentation to music students on "Breath, Physicality, and Being a Musician."



Chamber Singers represented the music department on Halloween at the New Concord Trail of Treats!



Muskingum collaborative pianist Eunji (Alice) Baik previewed her OSU recital program in Brown Chapel with works by Domenico Scarlatti, Johannes Brahms, and Carl Vine.



Students in our Excursions in World Music class explored the rhythms of African drumming!

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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>.

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Aaron Todd '00 (Music Education): currently serves as the vocal music teacher for Cambridge Middle School and High School. As Aaron explains, "Muskingum not only provided me with the skills needed to be successful, but also how to utilize those skills for the betterment of my students and community." In addition, "I love being part of Muskingum's rich heritage and enduring legacy. My education at Muskingum has also afforded me the opportunity to meet some remarkable people both academically and musically."



Sarah Anderson Goehrke '07 (Theatre and English): was honored in 2020 with a Muskingum University Emerging Alumni Award. Sarah owns Additive Integrity, LLC, offering editorial services to the additive manufacturing/3D printing industry. She also serves as Managing Editor of Fabbaloo and serves on the Board of Directors of Women in 3D Printing, where she helped to launch the industry's first diversity report, Diversity for Additive Manufacturing (DfAM). She is consistently ranked among the Most Influential Women in 3D Printing, has served on juries of multiple 3D printing design contests, and is a frequently published author in her profession. She has continued her lifelong passion as an Actor, Director, and Script Writer for regional theatre companies.



Sarah Gotschall '17 (Art and Philosophy): was recently honored with a Muskingum University Emerging Alumni Award. She earned a Master of Arts in Counseling and Art Therapy from Ursuline College and currently in Behavioral Health Services at Muskingum Valley Health Centers in Zanesville. Originally from Cambridge, Sarah's grandparents also attended and met at Muskingum. As Sarah explains, "I think there was a major pull towards the magenta in my blood. Not many people in our part of the country can say that they are learning on the same campus as their grandparents and I felt incredibly blessed to have that chance. This place was my home away from my home, only ten minutes away."



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!

