

# The Muskingum Mosaic

April 2025



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Hello from a very busy spring semester for our Arts programs at Muskingum! April is a time of great joy on campus as we come together to celebrate student awards, honor departing faculty, and host a number of events and performances as we conclude this year.

In CMT, Theatre is excited to open *Ugly Lies the Bone* this Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, through Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Our media students are putting the final touches on OrbitFest, which will include live music and a student film festival on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and our Forensics team is offering a showcase April 15<sup>th</sup>. Across campus, Art is putting the final touches on their senior gallery shows, and Music is wrapping up their concert series for the semester.

The end of the year is always bittersweet as we say farewell to departing graduates. This year we also celebrate the careers of departing and retiring faculty members: Dr. Harsha Abeyaratne, Prof. Mary Schlacks, and Dr. Laura Schumann in Music, Dr. Debbie Phillips in Communication, Prof. Yan Sun in Art, and Broadcast Engineer Mark Bohach in Media. Their contributions to the Arts at Muskingum are numerous, and we wish them the best in their next chapters.

We hope you will join us for some of the MANY Arts events included in this letter and celebrate the Arts at Muskingum!

Happy Spring,

Cassie King  
Chair of Communication,  
Media & Theatre  
Associate Professor of Theatre  
and Technical Director



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*Thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to everyone who supported the Arts departments in our recent Day of Giving! Through your hard work and generosity, we raised a total of over \$20,000, 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 by clicking here:

<https://giving.muskingum.edu/schools/MuskingumUniversity/day-of-giving-2025/pages/arts>

## MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

Our collegiate chapter of the Ohio Music Education Association (OCMEA) has participated in a variety of events throughout March to help raise awareness for Music In Our Schools month. Music Education majors worked with elementary students in the after-school program in Cambridge (CATS), demonstrating instruments, singing, helping students to make maracas, and then playing along with the students. Majors also hosted a music trivia prize wheel at the Bait Shop on campus and took over the Music at Muskingum social media pages to create awareness on campus of OCMEA.



MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY THEATRE PRESENTS

LINDSEY FERRENTINO'S SEARING DRAMA

# UGLY LIES THE BONE



TICKETS FOR \$5 OR FREE WITH MUSKIE ID  
SCAN QR OR GO TO [BIT.LY/4HI017S](https://bit.ly/4HI017S)

THOMPSON THEATRE AT CALDWELL HALL  
**APRIL 3 - 5: 8PM**  
**APRIL 6: 2PM**

CW: FLASHING LIGHTS, LOUD NOISES, GUN FIRE SOUND EFFECT,  
DEPICTION OF WOUNDS, WAR THEMES, AND ADULT LANGUAGE

## UGLY LIES THE BONE

Our Spring 2025 show, *Ugly Lies the Bone*, opens this **Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**! Lindsey Ferrentino's searing drama follows Jess, a veteran returning to Florida after being wounded in Afghanistan, exploring themes of recovery, emotional devastation, and the use of virtual reality in rehabilitation for injured veterans. The play examines the illusions of military support and the challenges faced by veterans as they reintegrate into civilian life. It has been praised for its powerful depiction of trauma and healing. The company features Desiré Correa, Cayden Nicholson, Ethan Rodriguez, Chloe Milliken, Katelinn Kinsey, Lucas Mummey, and Alex Dillon, Stage Managers Harley Smith, Faith Smith, and Qwen Wagstaff, and House Manager August Niner. The crew includes Ben Anderson, River Berger, Alyssa Derry, Noah Leavitt, Maddie Tribble Bobby Wood, and Kaylynn Yockey. The show is directed by Dr. Diane Rao and Designed by Professor Cassie King. Get your tickets at:

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





# ORBIT MEDIA DIRECTOR

CMT is excited to announce a new staff position to assist with the operations of Orbit Media. Muskingum University invites applications for the Orbit Media Director. This position serves as onsite engineer, ensuring fully functional and operating facilities, which are used primarily for course instruction, and represents Orbit Media in cross-campus engagement with students, faculty, and staff. For more information and to apply:

<https://www.muskingum.edu/human-resources/orbit-media-director>



# SENIOR ART EXHIBITION

Don't miss the upcoming Senior Art Exhibition, featuring works by our talented graduating art majors! The exhibition opens with a reception on **Monday, April 7**, from 12-2 pm in the Palmer Gallery. It then runs through April 23, with open gallery hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. Please come out to help support our students!



# Forensics Competes at Pi Kappa Delta Nationals & Hosts Showcase

Congratulations to Assistant Professor of Communication Rachel Pollock and the Forensics team on their great showing at the Pi Kappa Delta National Forensics Competition in Athens, OH, in early March. Robin Matthews, a novice on the team, won third place in Student Congress. The team was also represented by Alyssa Derry and Tasqeen Dhaliwal . The Forensics team will offer a showcase, open to the public, **Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**, from 3-4 pm in Caldwell Hall Room 300, featuring dramatic performances, as well as a debate on Ohio's Senate Bill One.





# MUSIC MUSKIES ROAD TOUR '25

Music students had a wonderful time on tour, performing at Fairfield Union High School, Logan High School, and Central Trinity United Methodist Church in Zanesville. They enjoyed traveling to Cleveland to visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and attending an amazing concert of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra.



## THEATRE THROWBACK PHOTOS: BLYTHE SPIRIT (1950s and 2000s)





# ORBITFEST APRIL 12TH

Announcing *OrbitFest*: **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. From 6-9 pm live bands will perform on the steps of John Glenn Gym. At 9:00 head into Thompson Theatre for the student film festival. Come join us to celebrate the incredible work of our Media and Journalism students!

## palmer gallery

# SAVE THE DATE! HOOKED ON THE ARTS SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Experience the Arts at Muskingum! Art, Music, and Theatre will host a program for high school students interested in fine and performing arts on **Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**, from 10-1:30. Students will attend a hands-on class in their area of interest, meet faculty and current students, and discover why Muskingum is a wonderful home for artists of all kinds. Spread the word to the student, teacher, or director in your life—information on how to sign up coming soon!



*The Palmer Gallery featured artist William Koch for an art demonstration, where he explained his techniques to students and offered tips for watercolor painting.*



*The Palmer Gallery hosted Peggy Sibilia for a talk about her pieces on display, what they mean to her, the inspiration behind them, and how she became an artist.*



Thanks to music alum and current guitar professor, **Steve Miller**, for previewing his upcoming graduate recital for our music majors!

# UPCOMING CONCERTS

## APRIL IS CONCERT SEASON!

Mark your calendars now; we hope to see you there. Addie Young will present a senior recital on percussion on **Saturday, April 5**, at 3 pm in Brown Chapel. Our Spring Instrumental Showcase on **Friday, April 11**, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel will feature performances by the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, String Ensemble, Clarinet Choir, Percussion Ensemble, and Steel Drum Band. The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present a program entitled "In the Midst" on **Friday, April 25**, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel. The Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra will present their final performance of the season on **Sunday, April 27**, at 7 pm at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Cambridge, and the Musical Theatre Ensemble will perform on **Wednesday, April 30**, at 7 pm in Room 204 in Walter Hall. Finally, the Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds will perform together with the Muskingum Valley Youth Wind Ensemble on **Sunday, May 4**, at 3 pm in Brown Chapel for a program entitled "Fusion." Don't miss these wonderful opportunities to see our students perform!



Senior Recital:  
Addie Young,  
Percussion

Saturday,  
April 5, 3 pm  
Brown Chapel

### Spring INSTRUMENTAL Showcase

April 11 | 7 pm | Brown Chapel

Featuring performances by:

- Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Ensemble
- String Ensemble
- Clarinet Choir
- Percussion Ensemble
- Steel Drum Band

Free and open to public

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Muskingum Concert Choir, *In the Midst*  
Friday, April 25 at 7:00 pm  
Brown Chapel



### Musical Theatre Ensemble

In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights,  
in cups of coffee... a wonderful music  
ensemble performs a multitude of musical  
selections from some well-known and  
favorite musicals.

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Walter Hall  
Room 204  
7:00pm



# More Student Art!

Five art students' paintings were selected for the Spring Art Exhibitions of the Southeast Ohio Watermedia Society. These include works by Alissa Abercrombie, Rachel Fraunfelter, Penelope Gates, Ryleigh Lawhorne, and Noah Leavitt. The exhibition opened on March 21 at the Ohio University library and runs through the end of April. Congratulations!



## SCHOLARSHIP PORTFOLIOS, APPLICATIONS, AUDITIONS

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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/Design and Music).

## 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](mailto: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>.

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