

# The Muskingum Mosaic

February 2025



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Happy February! As the new chair for the Communication, Media, & Theatre Department, I'm excited to share the opportunities our students in Art & Design, CMT, and Music have had this month. Muskies are fighting the cold weather and slush and making art, despite the February blues. Our Music students attended the OMEA conference and are preparing for tour, Theatre is prepping our spring show, *Ugly Lies the Bone*, our Forensics team is mid-tournament season, gearing up for Nationals in March, and Art students took a trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art. March 4th and 5th are Muskingum's Day of Giving, and this year you can show support directly for the fine arts programs on campus—individually or as a group! We are excited to celebrate these days on campus and on our social media accounts, so make sure to follow along. Know a future Muskie? Encourage them to reach out to their admissions counselors about applying for performance scholarships in Art, Digital Media Design, Forensics, Journalism, Music, or Theatre.

We are so proud of what our Muskie artists can do, and happy to share their work with you.

Stay warm,

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



Our fine arts programs are excited to be featured designations in this year's Day of Giving on March 4th and 5th! Visit [here](#) to donate early, offer a match, or sign up to be an advocate. You can give directly to Art, Music, or Theatre, or to the fine arts in general! Watch our social media accounts between now and then for student stories, Muskie memories, and more fun as we celebrate this great initiative!

## MUSIC MUSKIES ROAD TOUR '25

Performances by:  
CONCERT CHOIR, CHAMBER SINGERS, WIND ENSEMBLE,  
STRING ENSEMBLE, MUSKIE ROCKS, AND STEEL DRUM BAND

Our Music students are excited to go on tour soon throughout Central Ohio and Cleveland! Our local tour concert will be on **Thursday, March 6, at 7 pm at Central Trinity Methodist Church in Zanesville.** This concert is free and open to the public (no tickets required) with performances by Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Wind Ensemble, String Ensemble, Muskie Rocks, and the Steel Drum Band. We hope to see you there!

# A SONG FOR HOPE

Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds will present a concert this Sunday, February 23, at 3 pm. "A Song for Hope" is dedicated to cancer survivors and fighters and will also serve as a benefit concert. The ensemble has collaborated with several organizations to create cancer awareness and to raise funds for cancer research, including CancerBlows, Genesis Cancer Care Center, Nursing Student Organization, and Cancer Care Coalition for Morgan, Muskingum, and Perry counties. The music performed will represent the myriad of emotions in a cancer journey, from despair and anger to hope and reflection. The cornerstone work on the program, *Stages* (Brian Balmages), was written for someone who was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. It is a tremendously powerful work! There is no admission charge for the concert, but donations will be taken for CancerBlows, which will be split between the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and the Genesis Cancer Care Center. We hope you can join us for this very special concert! If you are not able to attend, but are interested in donating, here is the [link](#).

## UGLY LIES THE BONE

The Theatre program is busy rehearsing and putting together the design elements for our spring show *Ugly Lies the Bone* by Lindsey Ferrentino. The story 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 production runs 4/3-4/5 at 8pm and 4/6 at 2pm in Thompson Theatre. Tickets are available at:

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

The poster features a black background with a large, colorful trumpet graphic on the right side. The trumpet is decorated with various colored lines and dots. At the top left is the Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds logo, which includes a circular emblem with a hand holding a musical instrument. The text "Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds" is written in a stylized font. Below the logo, the title "A SONG FOR HOPE" is written in large, bold, pink letters. Underneath the title, it says "Dedicated to cancer survivors and fighters" in a smaller, pink font. The date and time "Sunday, February 23 | 3 PM" and the location "Brown Chapel" are listed. The names of the trumpet soloists, "Whitney Davis, Ricky Harvey, and Brandon Barnes", are prominently displayed. Logos for "CancerBlows" and "Cancer Care Center GENESIS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM" are also present. At the bottom, the "Ohio Arts COUNCIL" and "MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY" logos are visible.

Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds

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*Students participating in the table read of Ugly Lies the Bone in Thompson Theatre.*





*Art students recently traveled to Cleveland to experience the Cleveland Art Museum.*



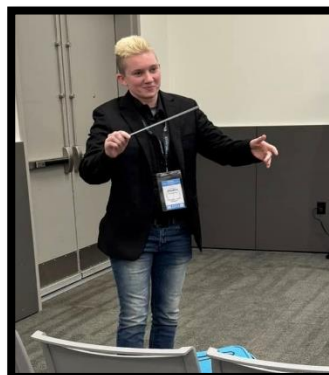
*Four Music students participated in the Ohio Private College Instrumental Conductors Association (OPCICA) Honors Festival at Ashland University. These include James Lones (clarinet), John Logan Kasinecz (saxophone), Andrew Wade (trombone), and Heather Dawson (euphonium). Congratulations!*



# MUSIC STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT OMEA CONFERENCE

Muskingum University Music students and faculty recently attended the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Professional Development Conference in Cleveland. It was an exciting event, especially as we had the opportunity to reconnect with Muskie alumni who were performing and presenting at the conference. Their contributions to the field were inspiring!

In addition to attending the conference, Muskingum hosted an alumni reception, bringing together graduates, faculty, and students for an evening of networking and celebration.







# MUSKINGUM

## U N I V E R S I T Y

## MUSKIE FORENSICS IS FIRST IN OHIO

Congratulations to the Forensics team, who placed first in the President's division at the Ohio Forensic Association's State Novice tournament on January 24-25th. Contributing to the 1st place States win were novice team members:

**Serenity Byers** (Informative and Impromptu Speaking)

**Tasqeen Dhaliwal** (Semi-finalist Novice Debate, Top 6 Individual Speaker)

**Phil Lashley** (Finalist Novice Extemporaneous Speaking)

**Robin Matthews** (Semi-finalist Novice Debate, Top 6 Individual Speaker, 6th place Novice Extemporaneous Speaking)

**Albreah Triplett** (4th place Novice After Dinner Speaking, 3rd place Novice Persuasive Speaking, 2nd place Novice Prose Interpretation)

## Art Talk: Levi Shegog

Muskie alumnus Levi Shegog hosted an art talk on campus where he presented on the details of his art collection, what the pieces mean to him, and how his career developed.



## Henry Crissman & Virginia Torrence

Artists and entrepreneurs Henry Crissman and Virginia Torrence, co-founders and operators of Ceramics School in Hamtramck, MI, worked with Art students on campus.



# Theatre Throwback Photo



*Quality Street – Junior Class Party, 1945*

## Romeo & Juliet

Muskie Players hosted a Romeo and Juliet event on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, including an acting competition performing small scenes or monologues from Romeo and Juliet. Students who entered were eligible to win a Valentine's Day gift basket. To keep up with the players follow @muskieplayers2024 on Instagram!

## APO DISCOVERY DAY

Alpha Psi Omega, our theatre honorary, is hosting their annual discovery day for K-12 students at Secrest Auditorium in Zanesville. The event takes place from 4:30-6:30 on Tuesday April 22nd. If you know any students in that age range, have them sign up [here](#) to participate (it's free!).



**March 23rd**  
3:30 pm  
Brown Chapel  
Muskingum University

**April 27th**  
7:00 pm  
Scottish Rite Auditorium  
Cambridge

For ticket information,  
visit [www.seoso.org](http://www.seoso.org)



# 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/Design and Music).

In Art/Design, scholarships are available for students who demonstrate artistic potential through a portfolio review. Schedule a time in person, digitally, or virtually. More information is available on our website:

<https://www.muskingum.edu/financial-aid/art-design-scholarship>.

In Music, performance and non-performance scholarships are available for all areas of interest and levels of participation. 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](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/cZYkvv08K4>.

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