

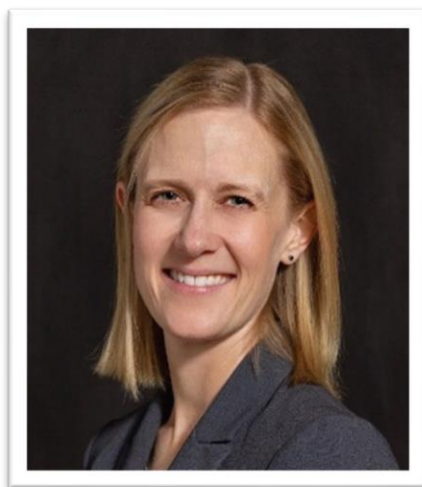


## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome back! This month, we kicked off rehearsals for the Muskingum Valley Youth Wind Ensemble, welcoming talented high school musicians who will join us throughout the semester to develop their skills and perform in May. We're also excited to present an art exhibition featuring works from alumnus Levi Shegog's collection and launch our spring theatre production, *Ugly Lies the Bone*. In music, we're looking forward to several key events, including a much-anticipated faculty piano recital by Prof. Harsha Abeyaratne, marking his final performance before his upcoming retirement in May. We are also gearing up to connect with alumni at the OMEA Professional Development Conference in Cleveland and preparing for scholarship auditions for incoming students in all arts disciplines. This semester promises to be filled with inspiring opportunities for students, alumni, and our broader community. If you're considering Muskingum for the fall, now is a great time to schedule a visit or audition for scholarships. We invite you to explore our offerings and experience the welcoming community that makes Muskingum so special. Thank you for your continued support of the arts. We look forward to seeing you on campus this semester!

With warm regards,

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



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U N I V E R S I T Y

## OMEA 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 7, from 6:15-7:45 pm, on-site at the Cleveland Marriot Downtown. 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.

## UGLY LIES THE BONE

Auditions are happening now for the theatre program's spring production! In *Ugly Lies the Bone*, newly discharged soldier Jess has finally returned to her Florida hometown. She brings with her not only vivid memories of Afghanistan, but painful burns that have left her physically and emotionally scarred. Jess soon realizes that things at home have changed even more than she has. Presented April 3-5 at 8 pm and April 6 at 2 pm. Keep an eye out for ticket information. We're so excited to bring this script to life!

Faculty Piano Recital

# HARSHA ABEYARATNE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 7:00 PM

**Free Admission**

Featuring works by Mozart,  
Schubert, Florence Price,  
Scriabin, and Liszt.

**Brown Chapel**

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## HARSHA ABEYARATNE'S FAREWELL CONCERT

After 21 years at Muskingum, Prof. Harsha Abeyaratne is presenting his final concert as a full-time faculty member. He will retire in May. This concert will feature works by Mozart, Schubert, Florence Price, Scriabin, and Liszt. Thursday, January 23, at 7 pm in Brown Chapel. Free and open to the public. Don't miss it!



## LIVESTREAMING: ORBIT MEDIA

Did you know that Orbit Media records many of our concerts and other campus events? Subscribe to the Orbit Media channel for the latest videos and livestreams:

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## ART EXHIBITION

This month, the Louis O. Palmer Gallery will host an exhibition of works from the collection of Muskingum alumnus Levi Shegog, including crafts, ceramics, paintings, and photographs. Please join us for an opening reception on Monday, January 27, from 12-2 pm. Following this reception, the exhibit will have open hours every Monday and Wednesday from 3-5 pm through February 18. In addition, Shegog will present an art talk on Wednesday, January 29, at 12 pm. All are free and open to the public. We hope to see you at the exhibit!





*Happy New Year! Our students are back on campus, back in classes, and excited for a great semester!*



*The Muskingum Valley Youth Wind Ensemble had their first rehearsal of the year!*

## UPCOMING CONCERTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

We're excited to announce some upcoming concerts that promise to bring beautiful music to our community. Be sure to mark your calendars for these incredible performances by Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds and Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra!



**KCACTF** -- Six theatre students attended the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region 2 conference in Pittsburgh the first week of January. Senior Desiré Correa won first place for the Institute of Theatre Journalism and Advocacy competition. As a regional finalist Desiré moves on to the next stage of competition and may be eligible to attend the national festival in April in Washington. In the performance categories Desiré, Logan Moore, Cayden Nicholson, and August Niner presented acting scenes for the Irene Ryan Acting Competition, and Katelinn Kinsey and Ady Baesmann presented songs for the Musical Theatre Intensive competition. August also presented a pitch for the ASPIRE Arts Leadership Program, and Katelinn entered the student designed poster competition. Additionally, students attended workshops in all areas of theatre and attended performances from other schools in the region. The trip was led by Professor of Theatre Diane Rao, and the conference was chaired by Associate Professor of Theatre Cassie King.



# 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. 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>.



## STRATFORD FESTIVAL TRIP

John and Therese Gardner are once again sponsoring a student trip to Stratford, Ontario this summer to attend the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. Interviews were held on campus with the Gardners on Thursday January 23rd. Last year's trip was a success with students attending eight shows, meeting professionals, seeing behind the scenes events, and exploring the beautiful town of Stratford, so we are excited to offer this trip again.

## 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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