

The Muskingum Mosaic

March 2025



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

March is an exciting month for the arts at Muskingum! Our students and faculty are engaged in performances, exhibitions, and outreach that highlight the depth of talent and dedication within our community.

Our Music Tour kicks off this week, bringing our ensembles to high schools, community audiences, and a major professional concert experience in Cleveland. We're also excited to invite you to the upcoming exhibition in Palmer Gallery, featuring works by William Koch and Peggy Sibila. Meanwhile, the Theatre program is hard at work preparing for its spring production, which will take the stage in April.

March also brings Muskingum's Day of Giving, a chance to support students in Music, Art/Design, and Theatre by funding the opportunities and experiences that make our programs stand out. Your generosity directly impacts our students' education and opportunities in the arts!

We're also looking ahead to welcoming the next class of Muskingum arts students! If you or someone you know is considering Muskingum, now is the perfect time to explore our programs, visit campus, and apply for scholarships. We offer opportunities for students of all experience levels to get involved in the arts, whether as a major, minor, or participant in our ensembles and productions.

Thank you for your continued support—we hope to see you at one of our upcoming performances or exhibitions this month!

With warm regards,

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



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Support the Arts at Muskingum on Our Day of Giving!

Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 4, Muskingum University is hosting its annual Day of Giving, a special opportunity to support our students in Music, Art/Design, and Theatre! Gifts designated to these programs directly impact students by funding travel experiences, new equipment, and master classes—opportunities that enrich our students' educations in the arts and prepare them for success.

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference! Whether you're an alum, a friend, or a supporter of the arts, your generosity helps shape the future of Muskingum's creative community.

MAKE A GIFT TODAY:

<https://giving.muskingum.edu/day-of-giving-2025>

SPREAD THE WORD ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GIVE!

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to see the impact we create together!

MUSIC MUSKIES ROAD TOUR '25

Performances by:

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

The Muskingum Music department is hitting the road for the 2025 Music Tour, featuring performances by the Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, String Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Steel Drum Band, and Muskie Rocks. Over two days, students will bring music to regional high schools, a community church, and experience professional music-making in Cleveland!

The tour kicks off on Thursday, March 6, with performances at Fairfield Union High School in Lancaster, Logan High School, and an evening concert at Central Trinity United Methodist Church in Zanesville at 7 pm. We invite you to join us in person in Zanesville or tune in via livestream at <https://www.centraltrinityumc.com/music-muskies-road-tour-25>.

The following day, students will visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, enjoy time in downtown Cleveland, and attend a performance by the Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Music Center.

This year's program showcases a diverse mix of repertoire, including Mendelssohn's *Verleih uns Frieden*, Vivaldi's *Winter*, the folk classic *Loch Lomond*, and exciting selections from Dropkick Murphys, Survivor, and Pat Benatar. Students will also have the opportunity to engage with young musicians, share their experiences, and represent Muskingum's vibrant music community.

Special thanks to Mrs. Robin Heiser, Central Trinity United Methodist Church, and our many supporters for making this tour possible. We are excited to share our music and create lasting connections on the road!



INVITATION ART EXHIBITION

In collaboration with Tuscarawas
County Center for the Arts

Featuring works by
William Koch and Peggy Sibila

March 3 - 26, 2025

Opening Reception:
Monday, March 3, 12:00-2:00pm

Art Talk with Peggy Sibila:
Wednesday, March 19, 12:00-1:30pm

Louis O. Palmer Gallery
Muskingum University



Gallery hours
Monday & Wednesday: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

For more information,
contact Hannah E. Winland at 740-826-8095

ART EXHIBITION

The Art/Design department, in collaboration with the Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts, is proud to present the "Invitation Art Exhibition," featuring works by William Koch and Peggy Sibila. This special exhibition will be on display in the Louis O. Palmer Art Gallery from March 3-26.

The exhibition will open with a reception on Monday, March 3, from 12-2 pm. On Wednesday, March 19, from 12-1:30 pm, Sibila will present an Art Talk, providing insight into her artistic process and inspirations. The gallery will be open for visitors on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-5 pm throughout the exhibition. We look forward to welcoming you to this engaging show!



Muskie Players presents...
*Try Not To
Laugh Night*



Try Not to Laugh

Muskie Players hosted a “Try Not to Laugh” event on Thursday February 27th. Students watched funny skits and were awarded prizes for keeping a straight face!



MEET THE HUMANITIES STUDIO SPECIALIST

Anne Shafer '24 returned to campus this year as our new Humanities Studio Specialist. Anne's role involves working with technical theatre students to produce the designs for shows, as well as assisting other programs within the Arts and Humanities Division with artistic or technical projects. Anne knows our programs well as she graduated with a double major in Art and Theatre. We are happy to have her back on campus to help the next generation of Muskies!

Theatre Throwback Photo
“High Brow Ladies” 1958





SUSSEX GARDENS: A short film produced by Muskingum University Media Production students will screen at the Short Sweet Film Festival in Cleveland. "Sussex Gardens" is an action-thriller made in London during the 2024 Spring Break study abroad trip. It will play at the Atlas Cinemas in Shaker Square - a beautiful big screen in a real movie theater! Equally exciting, many of the same students are leaving for London this Friday to join Professor Carvaines on the next exciting production of "Sussex Gardens: Part 2" - an amazing opportunity to work with professional London actors at historic locations. This is the ultimate high-impact experience where Muskingum students learn real world skills in a challenging, creative setting.



SUMMER MUSKIE FELLOWSHIP:

TRANSCRIBING THE RAGTIME MUSIC OF HARRY P. GUY

We are excited to announce that music student Heather Dawson has been awarded a Summer Muskie Fellowship for her research project, "Transcription of Harry P. Guy's Ragtime Piano Pieces for Band." Under the mentorship of Dr. David Turrill, this important project will explore the music of Harry P. Guy (1870-1950), an early ragtime composer with ties to Zanesville. Guy studied with Victor Herbert, arranged music in New York, and later worked with leading jazz musicians in Detroit.

Heather's research will involve digging into newspaper archives in Zanesville, NYC, and Detroit to learn more about Guy's life and legacy. She will then select pieces from his piano ragtime repertoire to transcribe or arrange for concert band, possibly culminating in a newly published medley of his works. The final transcriptions will be performed by Muskingum ensembles and the Zanesville Memorial Concert Band next year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate an underrepresented composer while providing valuable new repertoire for wind bands. Congratulations to Heather on this award—we look forward to hearing these historic pieces come to life!





Professor Daniel Strychacz enjoyed working with the talented John Glenn High School choirs in anticipation of upcoming OMEA contests.

Ugly Lies the Bone

Tickets are now available at [Production Tickets | Muskingum University](#). *Ugly Lies the Bone* is a play by Lindsey Ferrentino that premiered in 2015. 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 company features Desiré Correa, Cayden Nicholson, Ethan Rodriguez, Keolani Gill, Katelinn Kinsey, Lucas Mummey, and Alex Dillon, Stage Managers Harley Smith, Faith Smith, and Qwen Wagstaff, and House Manager Augustus Niner.



THE LADY WITH THE LITTLE DOG

Student Film: "The Lady with the Little Dog" is a cinematic adaptation of the 19th century short story by Anton Chekhov.

Updated to the present day, and set in central Ohio, the story is an exploration of love and loneliness.

It features Graham Hannah and Chloe Spencer, and was directed by Sam Pollock with cinematography and editing by Vincent Bachmann.

Enjoy! <https://youtu.be/mW0tLPqsI5Q>



The Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds (MVSU) presented a powerful concert, "A Song for Hope," dedicated to cancer survivors and fighters. As part of this performance, MVSU partnered with the Genesis Cancer Care Center and the Ryan Anthony Foundation to raise funds for multiple myeloma research and patient needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS






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


THEATRE PARTY

In celebration of the Day of Giving, Theatre will be hosting a party in Thompson Theatre from 4-6pm. All local alumni and supporters are welcome to join us for snacks, games, crafts, and memories! See you there!



Senior Recital:
Addie Young,
Percussion

Saturday,
April 5, 3 pm
Brown Chapel



**DAY OF GIVING
PARTY!**

TUESDAY 3/4 4-6 PM
THOMPSON THEATRE

**ALL CURRENT STUDENTS,
ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS
ARE WELCOME!**

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 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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