

The Muskingum Mosaic

November 2025



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Hello from New Concord, where we're just beginning to feel the crisp fall weather. The Arts on campus are always vibrant this time of year, with a multitude of events and opportunities for our students.

In Caldwell Hall, the Theatre program presented our First-Year Show in October, featuring a large cast and crew of first-year students. We are now hard at work on the holiday classic *A Christmas Carol*, featuring Chaplain Derek Wadlington as Ebenezer Scrooge. Orbit Media students participated in World College Radio Day and attended the College Broadcasters, Inc. Conference in Denver, where recent alumnus JW Dennison won third place nationally for his documentary *Ohio is Home* and current senior Samuel Pollock won fourth place for his short fiction film: *Scout: Siege from Within*.

Across campus, the Music Department presented its annual *Homecoming Collage Concert* and *Fall Concert* and is currently preparing for YouthFest on November 8 and 15, as well as the annual Christmas Festival on December 5.

The Art & Digital Media Design Department is hosting *The Intersection of Art and Science* High School Student Art Exhibition, which opened October 13 and will remain in the Palmer Gallery through mid-November. Art & Digital Media Design also partnered with Religion and Philosophy for an afternoon of fall crafting on October 29.

This busy season always flies by, but we hope to see you at our shows, concerts, and exhibitions, or by tuning in to WMCO 90.7 FM. Our arts community is strong at Muskingum, and we're grateful that you're a part of it!

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CALENDAR

Now – November 13
The Intersection of Art & Science Exhibition
Palmer Gallery

Monday, November 17
Chamber Ensembles Concert
Brown Chapel

November 20-23
A Christmas Carol
Thompson Theatre

Saturday, November 22
Senior Recital: Heather Dawson, voice
Brown Chapel

Monday, November 24
Musical Theatre Ensemble Performance
Walter Hall, Room 204

Friday, December 5
Christmas Festival
Brown Chapel

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS PRESENT *THE MILKWEED FILES*

Twenty-one members of our new first-year class took part in *The Milkweed Files*, a supernatural mystery performed over Homecoming weekend on October 11 and 12. The show was written by seniors Logan Moore and August Niner, assistant directed by sophomores Ethan Rodriguez and Katelinn Kinsey, lighting designed by sophomore River Berger, and makeup designed by sophomore Qwen Wagstaff. We are excited for this awesome company and can't wait to see what else they accomplish during their time at Muskingum!



An Overview of the Creative Energy on Campus This Month!

ART & DESIGN CLUB REPRESENTS AT HOMECOMING

Several members of Art & Design Club contributed to a collaborative project to create a banner for the annual homecoming competition held by Student Affairs.



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON: CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

The Music Department has had a vibrant start to the semester, presenting three outstanding concerts over the past month. Performances included the Collage Concert on Friday, October 10, the Choir & Wind Ensemble Concert on Friday, October 17, and the Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds Concert on Sunday, November 2. Each concert showcased the talent, dedication, and collaborative spirit of our student musicians and faculty.



ART & DESIGN CLUB BUILDS BRIDGES THROUGH COLLABORATIVE HOMECOMING PROJECT

This year, members of Muskingum's Art & Design Club set out to make a bold statement: art is for everyone. Throughout the semester, the group has been organizing creative activities for students, but during Magenta Homecoming they turned their attention to alumni, hoping to spark connection and visibility across generations of Muskies.

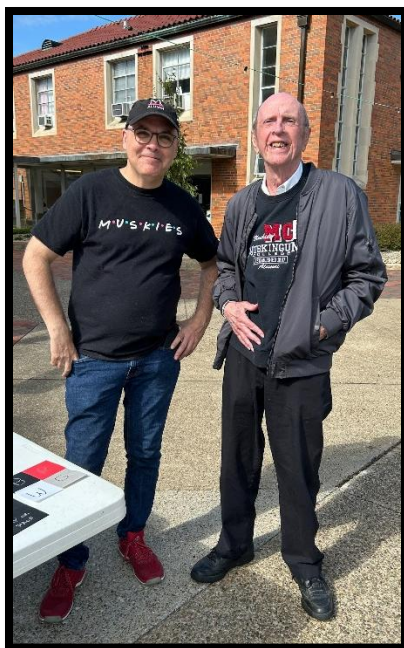
To do so, the club designed an interactive "Paint by Numbers" experience using colored sticky notes. Positioned near the registration table on Saturday morning, students invited alumni to write their name, class year, and favorite Muskie memory on a note, which they then placed on a large, labeled grid. As the morning unfolded, each memory became part of a vibrant pixel-art collage revealing our athletic logo in full color and full spirit.

The project was facilitated with support from Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Matt Andrew, who praised the students' initiative and their desire to build meaningful connections with alumni. Inspired by the success of the event, Andrew is exploring ways to expand similar collaborative efforts to other student organizations in the future.



Magenta 2025 HOMECOMING Reunion

Associate Professor of Digital Media Design Tom German ('93) poses with Wayne Cunningham ('53), who was among the oldest returning Muskies to celebrate Homecoming on October 11. Mr. Cunningham grew up in Pleasant City, OH and attended high school with Dr. German's aunts and uncles.





N.E.R.V.E.S.

Dr. Erin Helgeson Torres recently presented her lecture “Turning Nerves into N.E.R.V.E.S” which shifts the paradigm of performance anxiety away from the negative and physiological elements into joy and celebration of talent. The class workshoped shifting their mentality through self-talk and visualization practices, embracing the physical manifestations of anxiousness, and then practiced strategies for effective work in their personal preparation.

COLLEGE BROADCASTERS INC.

Three Muskingum students and two alumni attended the national CBI conference in Denver, CO October 22-25th with assistant professor of Journalism, Dr. Natascha Roelsgaard. Current senior Sam Pollock won fourth place for Outstanding Long Film, Fiction for *Scout: Siege from Within* and recent alumnus JW Dennison received third place for Best Documentary Short Film for *Ohio is Home* as a part of the National Student Production Awards. Both films are available on YouTube at OrbitMediaTV.

ORBIT MEDIA EVENTS

Orbit Media students took part in World College Radio Day on October 3rd and presented 12 hours of live shows, including one from new Broadcast Engineer Amy Powelson. Orbit students also hosted a vinyl painting party on October 21st.



Halloween in Walter Hall





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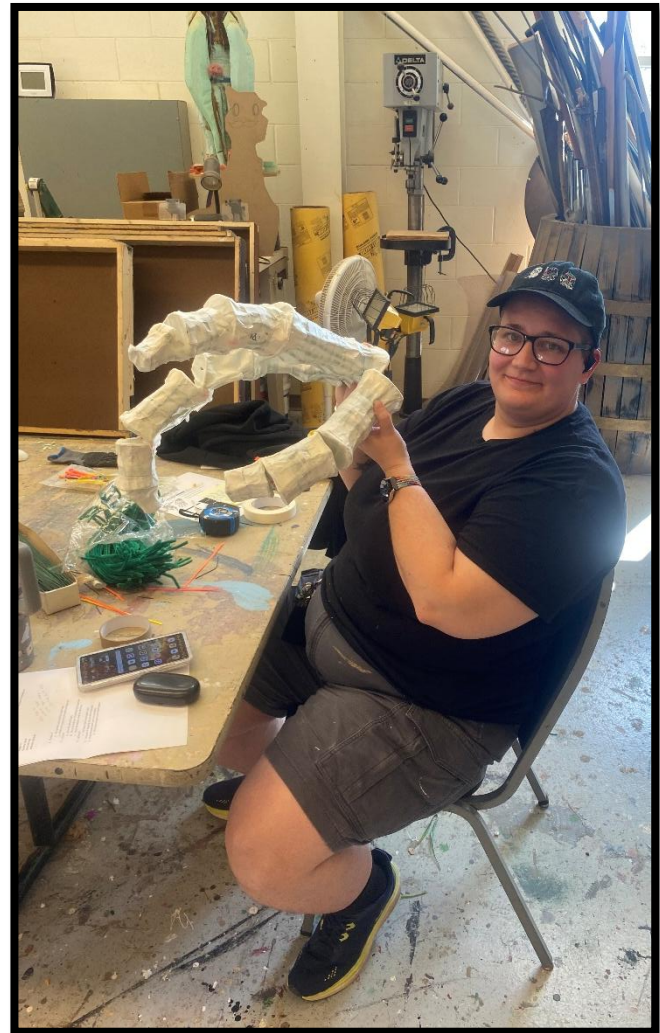
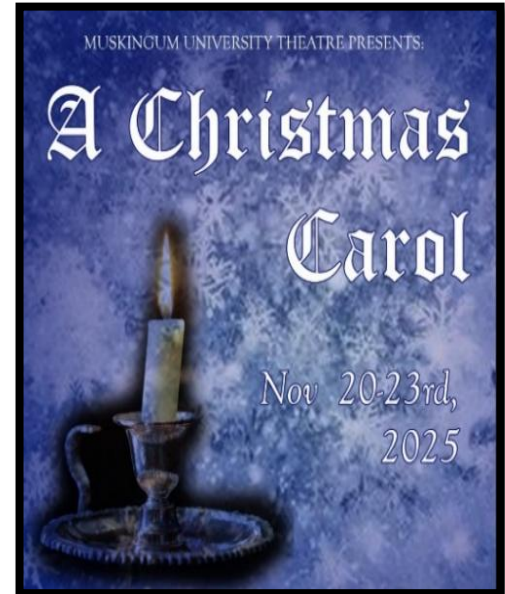
EVENTS



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The theatre program is in production of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, adapted by Romulus Linney. The company features Chaplain Derek Wadlington as Ebenezer Scrooge along with a cast of 33 including six local children, and two Muskingum staff members. The twelve-student stage crew is led by Stage Manager Qwen Wagstaff, and assistant stage managers Faith Smith and Katelynn Allen. Junior August Niner is designing projections for the show and Senior Logan Moore is choreographing. Come enjoy this holiday classic November 20-22 at 7pm and 23rd at 2pm in Thompson Theatre —Get your tickets at:

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



LATEST GALLERY EXHIBIT SHOWCASES HIGH SCHOOL TALENT

The Art & Design department is *hosting The Intersection of Art and Science*, a dynamic student art exhibition running now through November 13 at the Louis O. Palmer Gallery.

This international showcase features artwork from students at Indian Valley High School, John Glenn High School, River View High School, West Muskingum High School, and Zanesville High School, alongside contributions from students at the High School Attached to Northwest Normal University, Hailiang Experimental School, and Kangle No. 1 High School of Gansu, China. Outstanding artwork from a wide range of media highlights the quality of local art programs and Muskingum's commitment to create further opportunities for young creatives.

The opening reception was held on October 13 and featured many of the local artists, their families, and their teachers. Participating high school seniors are eligible for Art & Design Scholarship awards at Muskingum in the coming academic year.

Show dates: **October 13--November 13**

Gallery Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 3pm-5pm

Wednesday and Thursday: 5pm-7pm

Or by appointment by contacting Hannah Winland.



YOUTH FEST 2025

Returns to Muskingum!

The Music Department is gearing up for its annual YouthFest events this November, welcoming talented high school musicians from across the region to campus.

Instrumental YouthFest will take place on **Saturday, November 8**, followed by Choral YouthFest on **Saturday, November 15**. These day-long events offer students the opportunity to participate in clinics, workshops, masterclasses, rehearsals, and collaborative performances led by Muskingum's distinguished faculty.

Each event concludes with a showcase concert at 5 p.m. in Brown Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public.



Senior Recital
HEATHER DAWSON
11/22/25
7 PM
BROWN CHAPEL



KARL JENKINS
STELLA NATALIS

MUSKINGUM
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**Christmas
Festival**
Friday, December 5, 2025
7 pm
Brown Chapel

