



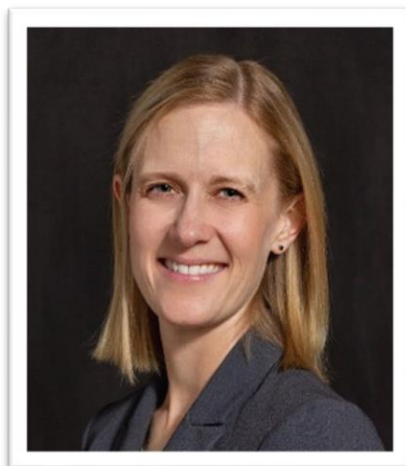
NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

As we start a new academic year, I find myself reflecting on the continuous balance between tradition and change that shapes our journey in the arts. Our programs in art, music, and theatre are a cornerstone for creativity on campus, enriching the lives of our students and the wider community. We take pride in our role as a hub for artistic expression, where students can explore their passions and develop skills that will serve them in diverse professional paths. Last year brought significant achievements: revamped curricula that embrace history and innovation, increased enrollments, and deeper connections with our alumni and community partners. This year, we are focused on ensuring that our programs not only meet the needs of today's students but also adapt to the evolving landscape of higher education. Our mission is not only to educate, prepare, and inspire but also to foster an inclusive environment where every voice is heard and every talent is nurtured.

We welcome new and returning students who are eager to explore their potentials and push the boundaries of creative expression in an ever-evolving global landscape. From gallery exhibitions and musical performances to thought-provoking theatre productions, we are excited for the opportunities ahead! Whether you're attending a student performance, mentoring a future artist, or contributing to the future of our programs, your support makes a difference. As we look to the year ahead, I invite you to stay engaged with our programs, attend our upcoming events, and witness the growth of our students as we celebrate the power of the arts to bridge cultures, create dialogue, and drive change.

With warm regards,

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thanks to the incredible generosity shown during our first-ever Day of Giving last year, the music department raised almost \$12,000 to directly benefit our students and programs. With these funds, we were able to update the student lounge, creating a more welcoming and communal space that has already strengthened the sense of community within the department and supported student retention efforts. Additionally, we purchased new instruments and equipment, enhancing the quality of instruction and performance opportunities. The funds also helped support our recent student tour, offering students the opportunity to perform in new settings and engage in enriching cultural experiences. We are deeply grateful to all who contributed and invite you to continue supporting our mission. Your donations make a tangible difference in the lives of our students, and we look forward to building on this success in the future.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Robin Heiser for her generous gift to support the 2025 Music Tour.

HOMECOMING ALUMNI BAND

The Department of Music invites all band alumni to join us at the Homecoming game on October 19. Let us know you're coming by at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ed5094mh1g>

Come join the fun! Hope to see you there!



ALUMNI BAND

Register by
SEPTEMBER 27

Homecoming - Saturday Oct. 19

SCHEDULE

- 3:30 p.m.** Rehearsal in Walter Hall 127
- 5 p.m.** Dinner (provided)
- 7 p.m.** Homecoming Football Game



Scan the QR code with your phone to sign up!

For more information, contact dturrill@muskingum.edu



FAREWELL CONNIE!

After twenty-eight years, building assistant for Caldwell Hall, Connie Thomas, has retired. We wish her well and will miss seeing her in the building!



50 YEARS OF SEOSO!

The 2024-2025 Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra 50th Season kicks off October 20th at 7 pm! Join us at the Secret Auditorium for an unforgettable musical experience featuring Puddles Pity Party!

Get your tickets at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/season-ticket-2024-2025-southeastern-ohio-symphony-orchestra-tickets-989807640297>

SEOSO SEASON TICKETS: \$50

WINE AND CHEESE KICK-OFF EVENT

The art department kicked off the academic year with a “Wine” (sparkling juice) and Cheese mixer. The event brought together students and faculty to connect and build community. With faculty artwork on display, attendees had the chance to meet, chat, and explore the exciting work happening within the department. It was a great way for students, especially first-years, to connect with their peers and professors in a relaxed setting while discussing their shared passion for the arts. We can’t wait to see how the connections made here grow throughout the new year!



NEW FACES

This year, we welcome two new faculty/staff to the Muskingum arts family!

With ten years of experience as a collaborative pianist, **Ms. Eunji Baik (Collaborative Pianist)** has worked with a range of vocalists, instrumentalists, orchestras, choirs, and conducting studios. At Seoul Theological University in South Korea, she worked as a lecturer and symphony choir accompanists for concerts and international tours. She also worked as a chapel worship accompanist as a pianist and organist at Yonsei and Seoul Theological University. Ms. Baik is currently completing her DMA in Piano at The Ohio State University.

Prof. Austin Spillman (Artist Affiliate, Saxophone) holds a BM in Music Education with a minor in Jazz Studies from Eastern Illinois University and an MM in Saxophone Performance from The Ohio State University, where he studied under Dr. Michael Rene Torres. He has served as a saxophone instructor at Powell Academy of Music and the Eastern Illinois University Summer Music Camp. He has also participated in the Fred L. Hemke Saxophone Institute at the Show Pond Center for the Arts.



EASTERN OHIO ARTIST EXHIBITION

The Eastern Ohio Artist Exhibition officially opened at the Louis O. Palmer Gallery, showcasing over thirty works of art, including ceramics, paintings, photographs, mixed media, and more. This collaborative exhibition, in partnership with the Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts, highlights the incredible talent and diversity of artists from Eastern Ohio. This exhibition not only provides an enriching cultural experience on campus but also strengthens connections with the broader local arts community. The gallery is open to the public Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5 pm through October 2. We encourage you to stop by and enjoy the work of these talented artists!



STRATFORD THEATRE FESTIVAL

In August, a group of Muskingum theatre students had the incredible opportunity to attend the prestigious Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada, thanks to the generosity of John W. Gardner '68 and his wife, Therese. Over the course of the week, students attended a variety of performances, including classics like *Cymbeline* and *Twelfth Night* and contemporary productions such as *Something Rotten* and *Salesman in China*. In addition to the shows, they engaged in backstage tours and workshops, gaining firsthand insight into the production process. Highlights included discussions with industry professionals, behind-the-scenes access to the festival's renowned production processes, and a deep dive into costume and set design. The trip provided invaluable insights into the world of professional theatre, inspiring students and broadening their understanding of what it takes to bring a production from concept to stage. It was a transformative experience that will have a lasting impact on their academic and creative work!



UPCOMING ART EVENT: YELLOWHAWK & YAZZIE

From Oct. 16 through Nov. 6, the gallery will host *Connections and Harmony: Contemporary Lakota-Iroquois and Dine' Perspectives*, featuring artists Jim Yellowhawk of South Dakota and Elmer Yazzie of New Mexico. An opening reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 16 and a dance performance featuring Mr. Yellowhawk will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Caldwell Hall Thompson Theatre. In addition, a lecture and artist demonstration featuring Mr. Yazzie will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 29.





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Fall 2024 Calendar

October

- 18** Homecoming Collage Concert, Brown Chapel, 8pm
20 Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, Secrest Auditorium, 7pm +
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November

- 01** Concert Choir & Wind Ensemble, Brown Chapel, 7pm
08 Senior Recital: John Logan Kasinecz, saxophone, Brown Chapel, 7pm
09 Choral YouthFest, Walter Hall/Brown Chapel, all day event
16 Instrumental YouthFest, Walter Hall/Brown Chapel, all day event
18 Chamber Ensemble, Brown Chapel, 7pm
21 Musical Theatre Ensemble, Walter Hall 204, 7pm
22 Senior Recital: James Lones, clarinet, Brown Chapel, 7pm
24 Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds, Brown Chapel, 3pm
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December

- 05** Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, Secrest Auditorium, 7pm
06 Christmas Festival, Brown Chapel, 7pm
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Performances are free and open to the public, except those denoted with a plus sign (+), which require an admission charge. Dates and times subject to change.



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!



Students enjoying the newly updated lounge in Walter Hall!

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/cZYkqv08K4>.

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