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NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES



**MLK VIRTUAL
CONCERT PREMIERE**
MONDAY, JAN. 18 @ 1pm

VIRTUAL BENEFIT CONCERT
SATURDAY, MARCH 13
More details to come!

**SPRING 2020 VIRTUAL
CONCERT PREMIERE**
SATURDAY, APR. 10 @ 1pm

Dear BSW Family,

Happy New Year! The promise of a better year is ahead of us. We're looking forward to all the new adventures, students, partnerships, and most importantly concerts in 2021: starting with the Martin Luther King, Jr. concert this upcoming January 18th, and followed by the 7th Annual Benefit Concert: *They Would Only Walk*, premiering live on March 13th. Both of these will depict the arduous work, growth, and joy our students share in and outside of class. Their resilience and thrive in our virtual environment allowed us to welcome 25 new students into our classrooms this very week, with more to come later this spring. In our very first Annual Report (page 2), we share our growth throughout the years, highlight the success, innovation, and teamwork that unfolded during 2020, and give you a look into our upcoming projects and initiatives.

Thank you for allowing us at BSW to share all of our accomplishments and work with you. Your continuous support and encouragement make it possible for us to serve, educate, and provide platforms for our families, students, and communities. We welcome you to join us this new year as we continue to follow our mission: **To deliver world class music education to diverse youth that inspires personal and community transformation.**

With Gratitude,

Lisbet A. Henriquez,
Program Manager



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A FAMILY AFFAIR

All break long, our families sent us countless clips of their children singing, playing instruments, and sharing their passion for music with loved ones. It is incredible to know that **music brought our families together** in this way!

Click the image on the right to hear Snow, Peace, and Rolland playing "Silent Night, Holy Night" at home.



NEW STUDENTS AT WORK!

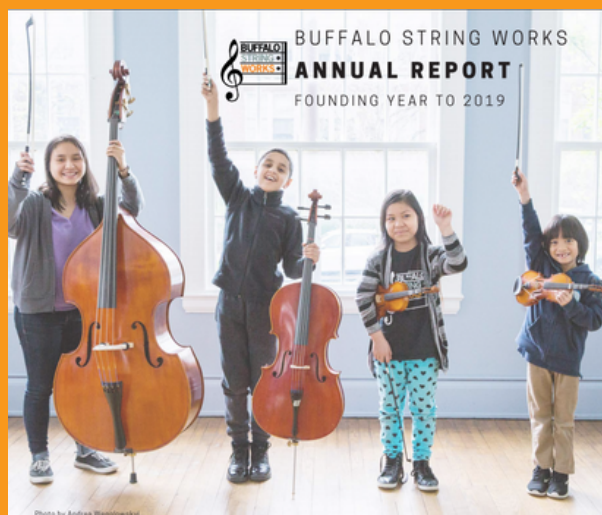
We kicked off 2021 by welcoming **25 brand new students** into our BSW family with an "Intro to BSW" class. Our new students were thrilled to finally join us - some had waited as long as 18 months for a coveted spot!

Ms. Laura and Ms. Shannon hit the ground running and we can't wait to introduce recorders and bucket drumming (pictured left: Ms. Julia with our donated bucket supply). Stay tuned for more about the **30 additional students** who will join us in March 2021!



Thank you to The Home Depot for donating 100 buckets AND aprons to our Intro to BSW class!

NEW: ANNUAL REPORT



Click the image to the left to view our first ever Annual Report!

Be sure to check out our inaugural BSW Annual Report! You've been such an integral part of our growth over the last seven years. **This report is a celebration of YOU!**

You'll find a brief history of BSW, student and staff spotlights, details about our Black Lives Matter summer camp, and a sneak peek at our COVID-19 response.

We're so proud you're on this BSW journey with us and **we thank you for believing in the transformative power of music!**

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Josiah Lay

What does the violin mean to you?

The violin sounds good and I can play new music and songs. It is small like me!

What do you want BSW supporters to know about you?

I love coming to BSW to meet new friends, see my teachers, and get new shirts, sweaters, and hats!

TEACHING ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Laura Jay

What are you most proud of at BSW?

I am most proud of my students' success at BSW. When I see my second-year students (who spent all of this academic year learning virtually) really making strides and improving, I am so proud of their hard work and dedication that brought them to that point.

What is your favorite BSW memory?

My favorite BSW memory is the combined concert we had in March of 2018 with the Buffalo String Works and Kenmore East students playing together. It was such a special occasion to see all of these students of different ages and backgrounds making music and sharing in such a unique opportunity!



WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW?

Educate

The 46th President of the United States is sworn in on Wednesday, Jan. 20. The President-elect and Vice President-elect will take Oaths of Office.

The Swearing-In Ceremonies represent national renewal and continuity of leadership.

Act

Celebrate the U.S. Presidential Inauguration from home this year.

Check out the Guide to the Presidential Inauguration below.



Support

Communities across the country are invited to join a virtual lighting ceremony honoring American lives lost due to COVID-19.

Jan. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

YOU CAN PLAY A PART!

To make an investment in today's youth,
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MLK DAY CONCERT PREMIERE

Monday, January 18th at 1pm



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THEY WOULD ONLY WALK: 7th ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT

Premieres March 13, 2021

Our Annual Benefit Concerts are often THE feel-good, celebratory event of the year and although things look a little different this year, we are still offering YOU - our BSW family of supporters - an opportunity to come together online and celebrate our students through music.

We have assembled **an incredible lineup of musicians from Seattle, WA to Paris, France** who are offering exclusive videos for our Benefit Concert ONLY. Full artist lineup to be announced soon! but for now, we promise a range of music from classical to folk to indie rock, all performed by musicians you are sure to know. **Concert Headliner? Our BSW students, of course!** They will perform the world premiere of "They Would Only Walk," composed by Mary Kouyoumdjian.

Stay tuned for ticket purchasing information and special perks for WNY residents.

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