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Dear BSW Community,

Please forgive us for the delay in reaching out to you, our Buffalo String Works family, during this time of intense concern throughout our shared city and the world at large. You have been very close to our heart and we hope that you, your loved ones, and your colleagues are safe and healthy at this time.

We closed down our on-site programming on Friday, March 13 and without wasting a moment, we immediately shifted to a virtual program. We knew that at a time like this, our priorities were threefold:

1. Remind our students and families that **we are STILL a community.**
2. Offer our students and Teaching Artists **a sense of normalcy and shared connection** through weekly, online learning opportunities.
3. **Ensure that our Teaching Artists remain employed by BSW**, many of whom depend on us for over half of their monthly income.



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We are proud to share that because of your ongoing support over the years, we are meeting all 3 of these priorities. Thank you for ensuring that we can continue to bring music to our community despite the challenging times.

We will continue to keep you updated regularly. In fact, you are receiving this letter today because we notice you are not receiving our e-newsletters. If you would like to stay connected with us during this time of so much disconnect, **please write Yuki a quick note with your email address** and we will update our mailing list. This will ensure you receive up-to-the-minute news from us. Yuki can be reached at yuki@buffalostringworks.org.



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You have made such a difference to all of us here at Buffalo String Works. We are thinking of you and we hope that music remains in your lives as we all navigate our new normal.

In solidarity,

**Yuki Numata Resnick, Executive Director
and Your BSW Teaching Artists, Staff,
Students, and Families**