

# the bsw beat

## THE BUFFALO STRING WORKS NEWSLETTER

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### SAVE THE DATE!



#### Clarence Presbyterian Concert

Sunday Feb. 12 @ 1:30pm  
Clarence First Presbyterian Church  
9675 Main St Clarence, NY

#### Buff State Concert Series

Saturday Apr. 22 @ 2pm  
Rockwell Hall  
1300 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY

#### Vocalis & BSW Concert

Sunday Apr. 30 @ 4pm  
Asbury Hall  
341 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY



#### BSW Signing On!

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**WEBR 1440 AM** radio  
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Western New York!

Dear BSW family,

I write to you today to share that after nine years at Buffalo String Works, I will be stepping down from my role as Executive Director this April.

When Ginny Barron, Elise Alaimo, and I founded BSW in 2014, all we knew was that there was, and continues to be, an opportunity gap for accessible, youth-centered music programming in Buffalo. We threw ourselves into the work, wearing every hat possible, from teacher to snack provider to administrator, all as willing volunteers. Our inaugural class of 17 violinists taught us a great deal, and we slowly grew BSW to the organization you know it as today.

I am incredibly proud of the Board, staff, and faculty – past and present – who continue to steward BSW. We now have 8 full-time staff members and 14 part-time Teaching Artists who tirelessly support our 165 young musicians across 3 program sites on the East and West sides of Buffalo. We are an ever-maturing organization, growing our infrastructure year after year, and deepening our connections to the communities we serve. BSW would not be here without all of you – our countless funders, donors, and volunteers who have invested so willingly in our families. Thank you so much.

And speaking of our families, they are the true protagonists in this continuing BSW story. Our families have helped to build our organization, note by note, concert by concert. We continue to learn so much from them and we are humbled to be invited into their lives.

The next pages of my personal story take me to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo where I will continue my dedication to our shared community through the newly-created role of Director of Arts and Culture. The BSW Board is energized and committed to ensuring that BSW transitions thoughtfully into this next chapter. Jim Sampson, our Board President, shares a few words:

*“Yuki is an inspirational leader and she will be missed by the board, faculty, staff, families and our equally inspirational students. She has not only been a colleague but also a “lovingly relentless” friend. Over these past years she has developed an incredibly capable staff, all leaders in their own ways, and helped envision a strong mission and vision that guides our work. Likewise, the board will be guided by that mission and vision as we work our way through our leadership transition. We will be partnering with our community partners, staff, faculty, families and students as the transition unfolds and ensure that everyone is not only informed but engaged.”*

Over our many years of partnership, Jim has often described me as “lovingly relentless” and I look forward to fully living this during my next two months at BSW. I invite you to join me in the continued work of uniting neighborhoods through our empowered, young musicians.

With gratitude,

  
Yuki Numata Resnick  
BSW Executive Director



**OUR MISSION: TO IGNITE PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACCESSIBLE, YOUTH-CENTERED MUSIC EDUCATION.**

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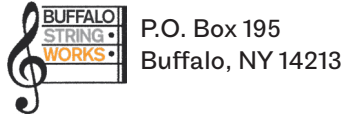


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