



Newsletter



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Dear BSW Family,

We are well into our 8th week of the 2020-21 year here at Buffalo String Works! It's been a whirlwind as we reimagined how we would deliver our program but it should come as no surprise to you to know that our students, Teaching Artists, Staff, and volunteers are as resilient as they come. I am truly honored to be working alongside this innovative team. Please know that **YOUR investments of time, energy, and treasure** are being put to good use. We're taking advantage of COVID-19 to make our program even stronger and more meaningful than it's already been. **We are honoring your belief in music education every single day.**

Thank you for trusting us and believing in our BSW students.

In solidarity,

Yuki Numata Resnick, Executive Director



Fall Campaign Update!

Exciting News! With your support, we not only reached our stretch goal of \$7,000 but we blew through that, raising a total of \$8,042!

36 one-time donors and 11 new Monthly MusicMakers have made it possible for us to:

- Purchase **5 hotspots for 5 students** so they can finally have an uninterrupted music lesson online AND fully attend school.
- Offer **200+ hours of ADDITIONAL music lessons** to our students.

Thank you so much for throwing your weight behind our students. You are making an enormous impact!!

BSW BRIGHT SPOTS

**BECOME A MONTHLY
MUSICMAKER TODAY**

Student Spotlight Mang Deih, BSW Violist

What do you miss most about in-person classes:
I miss seeing my teachers and the other students.

Where would you like to live when you grow up?
In Hawaii!

What is your favorite BSW memory?
When we all remembered our instruments and binders 10 classes in a row, I loved the party we had!



Teaching Artist Spotlight Teagan Faran

Tel us a fun fact!

I grew up outside of Buffalo and as a result, was an ice hockey player up until college!

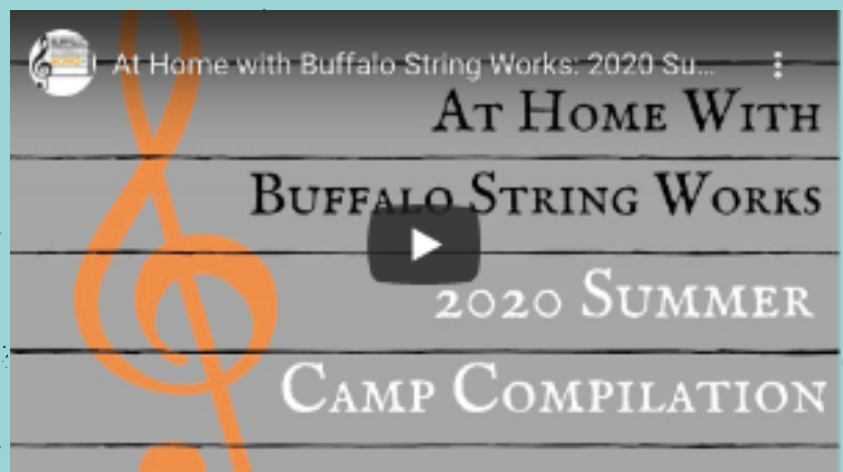
What drew you to BSW?

I love how BSW emphasizes community-building in addition to high-quality musicmaking. I'm really inspired by our students' commitment to being great citizens.



MISS OUR SUMMER CAMP COMPILATION VIDEO?

Click the **PLAY ICON** on the right to witness our students' many talents from creative writing to music to drawing!



PLAY-IN & ZOOM IN

INVEST IN TODAY'S
YOUTH NOW

Wondering what our socially-distanced Play-Ins look like?

Click the **PLAY ICON** on the right to listen to an excerpt from our Hallowe'en Symphony!

*Thank
you!*

to the **West Buffalo Charter School** for donating their gym and cleaning staff for our Play-Ins!

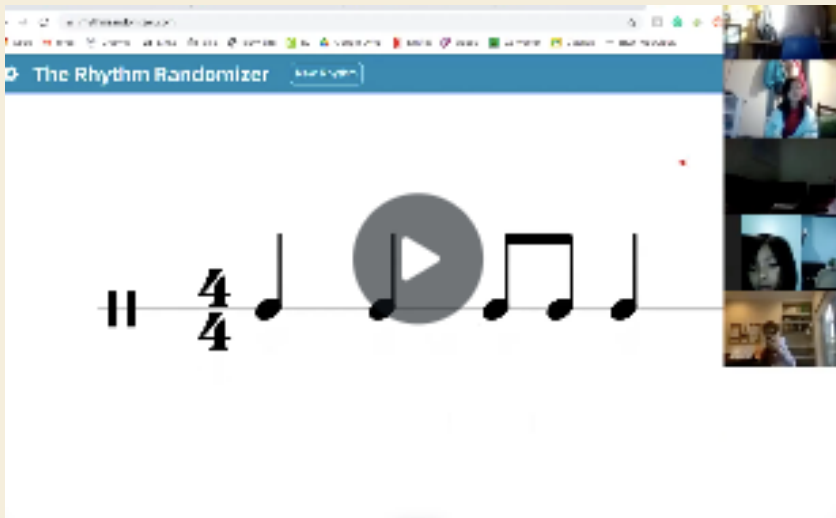


Wondering what's happening inside our Zoom classes?

Click the **PLAY ICON** on the left to watch Ms. Laura working with her students on reading and playing rhythms.

If you're interested in a Zoom tour of our online classes, please contact Yuki: yuki@buffalostringworks.org.

We'd love to show you around!



Have YOU Voted?

Executive Director, Yuki Numata Resnick and Program Manager, Lisbet Henriquez, **voted for the very first time since becoming United States citizens** earlier this year. What an important year to inaugurate this new right.





**EMPOWER A BSW
MUSICIAN TODAY**



They Would Only Walk

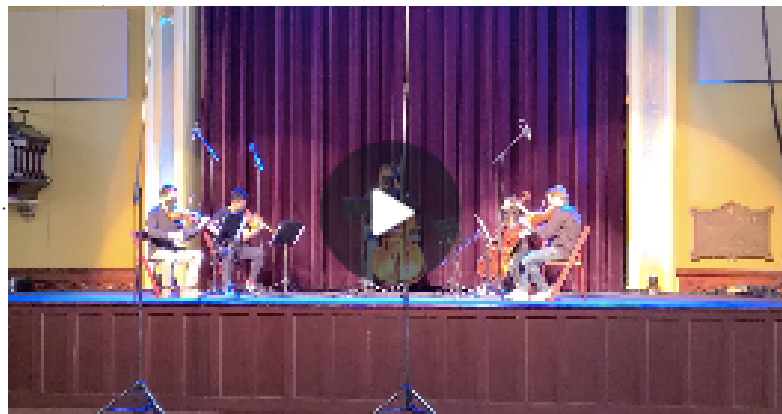
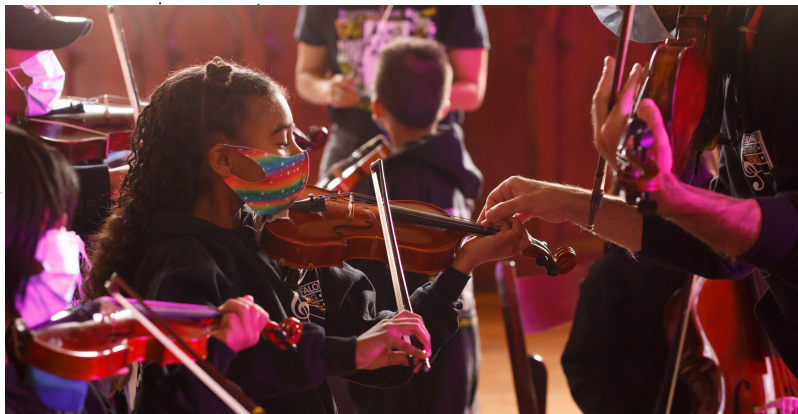
As you may recall, we are the proud recipients of grants from the **National Endowment for the Arts** and the **Cullen Foundation** supporting a newly-commissioned piece composed by Mary Kouyoumdjian. In 2019-20, Mary expanded our students' sound worlds through experimentation on their instruments. She also interviewed students and parents, recording each family's stories about their journeys from their countries of origins to Buffalo, NY.

Mary stitched together these interviews, creating a single spoken track featuring the many voices of BSW. She then composed music for students to perform with this track and for a string quintet from the Buffalo Chamber Players.

We were slated to perform the world premiere of *They Would Only Walk* in June 2020 but never to be stopped, we turned the project into a professionally-recorded project in fall 2020. Staying well within health guidelines, we brought in small groups of students to Asbury Hall for a **momentous, 12-hour recording weekend!**



Stay-tuned for the upcoming Virtual World Premiere of *They Would Only Walk* and documentary.



save the date

Saturday, November 28
@ 1pm

FALL 2020
VIRTUAL CONCERT
PREMIERE

March 2020 TBD

VIRTUAL BENEFIT
CONCERT

Monday, January 18
@ 1pm

MLK VIRTUAL
CONCERT PREMIERE

SPRING 2020
VIRTUAL CONCERT
PREMIERE

Saturday, April 10
@ 1pm



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- [Find your polling place](#)
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- [The Sentencing Project](#)

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