

## NEWSLETTER

AUGUST  
2017

Happy summer to all of you, both our current and alumni families! I hope you are enjoying moments of rest, reflection and family. As a new school year approaches we will enter into our 49th year at Buffalo Suzuki Strings. I am overwhelmed with joy as I reflect on almost a half a century of encouraging growth through music at BSS.

Dr. Suzuki said, "First character, then ability." Thank you to all of you for the privilege you give or have given us at BSS to educate, develop, and nurture your children. Creating noble human beings who will be contributing members of society and excellent musicians from an early start is our goal and mission everyday.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year together at Buffalo Suzuki Strings. We are grateful for the opportunity you give us to invest in your children's and family's lives.

Sincerely,  
Mary Cay Neal, Founder and Executive Director

SUMMER!  
FUN!  
CANAL FEST  
CONCERT!



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OF THE  
TONAWANDAS  
JULY 2017



## Ensembles Concert Highlights





## Fiddle Club



## Reading Orchestra



## Chamber Orchestra





BSS ALUMNI ARE SPECIAL

Justice  
Namaste  
2013



After graduating from BSS in 2013, Justice went on to receive a degree with honors in American Studies from Williams College. During college, she continued to play the violin, taking lessons and performing in chamber groups. After her graduation in June of this year, Justice accepted a position as a reporting fellow for WIRED magazine. In July, she moved to San Francisco to pursue a career in journalism at WIRED, focusing specifically on technology and culture. Justice's love of writing is deeply informed by the years she spent with BSS, where her creative curiosity was nurtured alongside a focus on responsibility, hard work, and collaboration. Violin was her first passion, and the community she found at BSS continues to positively impact her life today.



# Music on Canvas



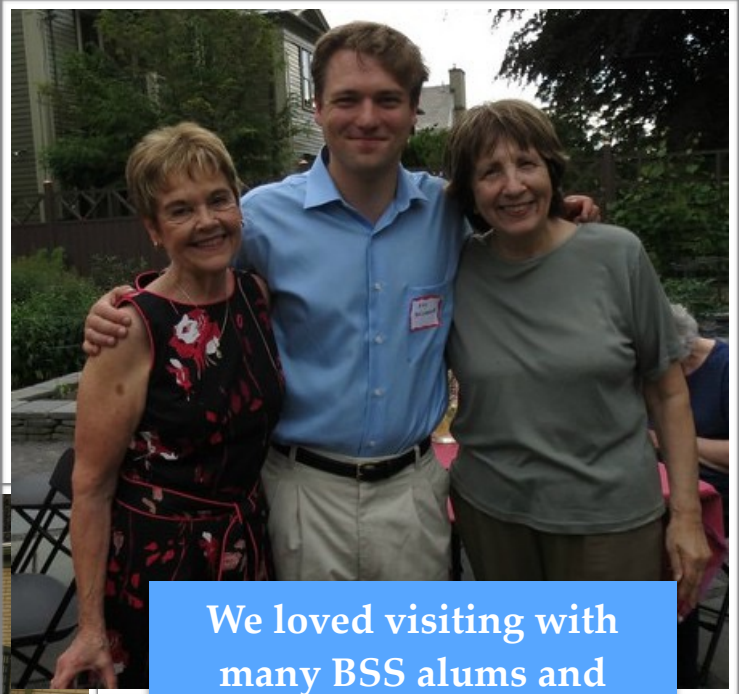
This past June Buffalo Suzuki Strings presented a unique cultural event, "Music on Canvas" featuring the artwork of Robert N. Blair at his historic family home in North Buffalo accompanied by the music of BSS students on all instruments throughout the 5 day event!

It was a wonderful collaboration with Robert Blair's son, Bruce, who allowed for many original watercolors from the Blair Family to be exhibited.

We are grateful to our sponsors, Benjamin Gallery, Remington Tavern, Ru's Pierogi, and the many people both from Buffalo Suzuki Strings and our Western New York community who played a role in making this event successful, fun, and memorable!







We loved visiting with  
many BSS alums and  
alum parents at  
Music on Canvas!!





# PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!



*Celebrates 50 Years of  
encouraging growth through music  
June 8th & 9th 2019*

BSS alum student, Anne-Marie Terranova  
with Dr. Suzuki



BSS alum student, Patrick Neal having a  
violin lesson with Dr. Suzuki





# OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

## TARA PORTER

- Ever since I found BSS five and a half years ago,
- I have called it my second home. Walking
- through the halls of the beautiful building
- brings back so many wonderful memories of
- playing with friends and learning new things,
- and I will never forget the opportunities I have
- had through BSS like playing throughout the
- community and traveling to South Africa.
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- This fall, I will head to Pasadena, CA to study at
- the California Institute of Technology, where I
- plan to major electrical engineering. I also
- intend to participate in chamber music with my
- violin and viola in college and beyond.



## NOAH MURRAY

BSS means a lot to me, and learning the violin there taught me perseverance and how hard work pays off. Next year I'm headed to Hobart and William Smith to study economics and continue to play the violin.



## OUR GRADUATING SENIORS - continued



### JIMMY BERGER

BSS gave me a close-knit community of friends, families, and teachers who were as musically skilled and knowledgeable as they were caring and supportive. I will never forget my 10 years at BSS, because it was during that time that I discovered and developed my passion for playing classical piano music.

Starting in August of 2017, I will be attending the Bard College Conservatory of Music, where I will primarily study piano performance with Benjamin Hochman and Peter Serkin, and get a second degree—probably in philosophy—over the course of five years. I am so excited to be able to make piano-playing the central focus of my life.

### KELSEY KILLELEA

Suzuki has always and will always be a staple in my life. No where else have I learned greater skills, made better friends, and travelled to cooler places.

I don't know what I'm doing for the next few years but hopefully I'll be headed into pediatric psychiatry.





# OUR GRADUATING SENIORS - continued



## NICK HARWAS

Over the past 7 years studying at Buffalo Suzuki Strings, I have learned countless lessons that I will carry for the rest of the my life. The many memories and friendships I've made are things that I will always treasure. Next year, I will be attending Baldwin Wallace University, where I will be studying music education and continuing to build on the strong foundation that BSS has provided me.

Our other graduates this year are Sarah Heverin, Alec Sass, Abby Brooks.  
Congratulations to all of you!

## *BSS Calendar for August, September and October*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
August 14 - 18	Summer Workshop
September 11	Fall Semester Begins - Lessons Resume
October 7	Group Repertory Classes
October 21	Group Repertory Classes