Program Manager: Vanessa Uzong

Born and raised in the Twin Cities, Vanessa Uzong is the ComMUSICation Program Manager. Vanessa is currently completing her Bachelors in International Marketing with a focus on communication at Metropolitan State University. In addition, she serves in an administrative capacity to the Community and Justice Pastor. As well as serves as the Wedding Ceremony Coordinator at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

She originally began her working career at The North Community YMCA Beacons program in North Minneapolis, where she acted as a youth development specialist, preparing youth for success. She fell in love with being able to contribute to the success of the youth in the community, and soon found an ease in communicating with the youth through music.

Her love for music developed at a young age through her involvement with the Hot Notes ensemble in elementary school, and then continuing on to later join the school orchestra where she would play the viola. Her musical career continued as she went on to sing as a long standing Alto in the high school choir. Her love for music has now become a form of meditation for developmental growth.