

## The Professional Performer's Toolkit: Spring 2022 Minigrant Outcome

Over the summer, I used my minigrant funds to purchase a few key items for my professional development before I graduate this May. These items included tools for auditions and money to publish my own website to promote and record my work.

Originally I was also going to purchase a 2 TB harddrive to house my footage, projection designs and other school work that would otherwise be lost when I do not have a UVa box account. Unfortunately, over the summer before I received the grant, I had an issue with my laptop and had to purchase a hard drive to save all my files. I will be using the hard drive money to purchase the three year protection plan for my new ring light, purchase a protection plan for my backdrop, and the remainder will be put towards the website.

I am very happy with the backdrop and ring light. I have not had the opportunity to use them for an audition, but I know they are going to greatly improve the quality of my self tapes. I consulted with several actors before purchasing, and I am confident I bought the right tools.

My website is nearly finished but I do not want to publish and begin paying for it until I need to. My reel is missing footage from a short film still in post-production and I also want to have my *Overcranked* film finished and uploaded before I start paying for it. The website will feature different sections for my work in theatre, film, and my independent artistic projects. A link to my own website will be an incredibly useful thing to have when I am working in any artistic industry.

This was a strong step forward on my journey to prepare for an actor's/artist's life post graduation. I am grateful to Miller Arts Scholars for helping me put my best foot forward into my professional career.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (including taxes and shipping)</b>
Angler Bi-Color Ring Light with Light Stand (18")	\$152.95
Allstate 3 year protection plan for ring light	\$33.95
Studio Essentials Pop-Up reversible Background Kit (5 x 6.5', Blue/Gray)	\$80.02
Allstate 2 year protection plan for background	\$12.05
Wix Combo Plan One Year (anticipated)	\$168.00 + Remainder for 2nd year
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$446.97</b>