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Spectrasonics Keyscape and NotePerformer 4

I purchased Spectrasonics Keyscape Collectors Keyboards (Keyscape), a virtual library of piano sounds. So far I have converted 8 of my existing piano compositions with Keyscape. Keyscape has turned each composition into an enhanced piece that sounds professional. Keyscape has been extremely easy to use and I appreciate it tremendously as it has allowed me to add to my portfolio and expand my skills as a composer.

I also purchased the software NotePerformer 4 which is an Artificial Intelligence-based playback engine for musical notation. I have used NotePerformer to create realistic and professional sounding versions of 5 of my orchestrated pieces directly from my primary notation software, Dorico. I am extremely satisfied with the quality of NotePerformer's output. The instruments are realistic sounding and the software is extremely easy to use. I have been able to take multiple Dorico scores and use them to create audio that sounds like realistic performances. Two of the 5 orchestrated pieces were part of what turned out to be a successful application for the fall 2023, UVA Student Council Art Award.

I am extremely grateful for the Miller Arts Minigrant which allowed me to purchase these valuable tools which are supporting my musical pursuits.