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Fall 2022 Miller Arts Scholars Minigrant Outcomes Report

After I purchased the camera with the Minigrant and the extra money I added myself, I did two experimental shots: one outdoor and one indoor. The two results pointed out to the same problems: 1) Especially when the shots were taken inside the house, the lighting was not strong enough. 2) It was very unstable when I was holding the camera. 3) The sounds that the camera captured were very blurry.

Therefore, I purchased a camera stand, a movable LED lights, and a microphone with my out-of-pocket money. After practicing shooting with objects, I shot the first set of promo pictures using the devices, and made the first poster using the pictures.

1. SHOOTING THE POSTER/CONCEPT PHOTO



“The Chair”

-Photo was taken with a singular light source: my movable LED camera light.

-The empty chair echoed with the narrative nature of the story.

-Set the overall color tone of the shooting.



“The Poster”

-After adjusting the contrasts, cutting the picture, and adding up the title, the original shooting became the casting poster.

2. SHOOTING THE DEMO

After casting the four main female characters in my play, I planned out dates to shoot demo videos with them individually. Anti-Bechdel Test will be more than a play, but also a project including a monologue short film. I wanted the edited final version to highlight and celebrate the voice of the woman in the play. By taking place in huge spaces and visualizing their inner journey, the film is intended to be an introduction of the story. After experimenting with different shooting angles with the camera at home, I decided to do four specific viewpoints of the character: Front, Close-up Front, Face-focused Front view, and the Side Profile View. All videos were taken by the camera.

**Example of shooting
(side profile)**

Actor: Evelyn Garey



3.Total Budget:

Object	Money from the Minigrant	Out of Pocket Money
Sony Alpha a6000 mirrorless Digital Camera 24.3mp	\$430 (after-tax)	\$220
Gigastone 128GB SD card	N/A	\$20
Amazon Basics 50 Inch Lightweight Camera Mount Tripod Stand With Bag	N/A	\$14.99
Sutefoto RGB Video Lights 360 degrees full color portable LED camera light	N/A	\$19.97
LZSIG Universal Video Microphone	N/A	\$14.99