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Class of 2025

Miller Arts Scholars Mini-grant Proposal

#### Furthering Songwriting and Guitar Skills with Electronic Equipment

I have been playing acoustic guitar for about three years, and writing songs for two. Up until now, I have mostly been inspired by folk and pop music that is more acoustic and has minimal production. This fall, I enrolled in Songwriting (MUSI 3370) which has introduced me to many different types of songwriting and production genres. One of my main takeaways from the class is that having a diverse set of instruments to work on can help an artist evolve.

I would like to use Mini-grant funding to purchase a Stratocaster electric guitar, amplifier, and cables so that I can challenge myself to write, play, and perform in different styles of music. If I had access to these instruments, I would be able to learn a new style of guitar playing and also experience the growth that comes from self-teaching a new instrument. I would also be able to perform a more interesting and diverse set of songs, because I would no longer be limited to only acoustic guitar playing. Lastly, I would be able to write songs on a new instrument, which I believe would expand the way I write and improve my craft immeasurably.

#### Timeline

##### October 2022

- Purchase Electric Guitar, amplifiers, and cables
- Learn how to work with the electronic equipment
- Begin practicing electronic guitar songs and developing new musical skills on the instrument
- Continue voice lessons and participation in University singers and Chamber Singers

##### November 2022

- In conjunction with Songwriting class (MUSI 3370) begin to put together a portfolio of 5-6 original songs
- Continue voice lessons and participation in University singers and Chamber Singers
- Experiment with adapting previously written songs for electronic

##### December 2022

- Continue voice lessons and participation in University singers and Chamber Singers
- Perform 2-3 original songs in voice recital with purchased materials as accompaniment
- Start working towards demos of new songs, perhaps in a home studio setup using new equipment

Proposed Budget

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Fender BULLET STRATOCASTER HT	199.99	1	199.99
Acoustasonic 15 Amplifier	149.99	1	149.99
Professional Series Instrument Cables	39.99	2	79.98
Total			429.96