

Emily Buckley

## Flute and Electronics

Over the past two years at UVA, I have been studying flute under Kelly Sulick, participating in competitions and masterclasses, playing in ensembles, and performing on Grounds, all to become a better flutist. I have studied classical and jazz flute over the past 13 years. In my free time, I have taught myself the basics of music production. Over the past year, I have been writing and recording pieces on the flute and mixing these recordings with electronic sounds with Ableton Live and Studio One. My goal is to produce an album featuring the unique combination of flute and electronic sounds. An essential feature of the home production studio is monitor speakers to allow me to hear the finer details of the mix with greater precision. I am grateful to already own a MIDI keyboard, DAW, microphone, and an audio interface, which will greatly help me in this process. The quality of the sound I hear from the monitor will directly influence the quality of the sound of my mixes. I currently listen to my music with \$5 headphones I ordered from Amazon, so I can't hear all of the nuances of the music I'm creating. Being able to hear the small details will allow me to fine-tune and balance each piece. I haven't released any of the music I have produced yet, since I am worried it may be unbalanced. Having two studio monitors would allow me to perfect these songs and produce new material. My goal for this semester, after obtaining these monitors, is to perfect and upload the songs I have written onto Soundcloud. In the future, I would like to extend this project to create a full-length album. After researching for the best studio monitors for my budget, I believe the Yamaha HS8 monitors are the best quality for this price.

### **Budget**

Yamaha HS8 Active Monitors (Pair) with TRS XLR-Male Cables and Speaker Stands - \$764.44

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I realize that this budget is greater than \$500, so I plan to cover the rest of the cost with my savings from my summer internship.