

Wesley Diener & Josephine Miller

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Miller Art Scholar Minigrant Outcome Report

On February 12, 2017, we, Josephine Miller and Wesley Diener, held a third year recital as a culmination of not only our junior year of music study, but all three of our years as music majors at the University of Virginia. As we stated in our original proposal, "A third year recital is central to the musical education of a young performer, and this minigrant would greatly enable us to continue pursuing our artistic endeavors within the University's rich liberal arts curriculum." Reflecting on our recital, musical achievements, and summer projects, the recital was an important step in achieving our long-term goals as opera singers.

The recital was a great overall success. We performed to a full audience of professors, friends, family, and community members. The music, ranging from Italian opera to American art song, communicated important topics of expression, including love, loss, and anger. Most importantly, we were able to put our musical, vocal, and dramatic skills to use in a full performance. While this process was incredibly challenging, it was also quite rewarding. We both now feel more than prepared to offer our own, full recitals as part of the music department's Distinguished Majors Program. These recitals will occur on February (Wesley) and March (Josie) and we are excited to share and publicize these events through Art Scholars and beyond.

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