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Spring Mini-grant Proposal

Flute Etude Recording Project for Middle-High School Students

Project Overview:

Since I started playing flute since fourth grade, YouTube has been one of the best resources for me to practice besides what I learned from private lessons. Referencing the recordings posted by other people, especially those professionally trained, helped me to catch nuances and small details I would often forget. Through participating in the Miller Arts discussions and the UVA music department, I grew the desire to be one of the professional artists who utilize their talents and experiences to help guide the young artists. One of the steps to achieve this was to become a music major, in which I am currently preparing for a performance concentration. But more importantly, I have thought about how I struggled when I could not find a recording for an etude or a band/orchestra excerpt that I was working on and wished there were. Even if there was one, sometimes they would be an electronic recording, which does not show the musical flow to the piece and sounds like a robot. Therefore, my project goal is to make a professional audio recording of myself playing, combine with a video of the sheet music to upload to YouTube where students can follow along. I will be adding commented subtitles along the video to help them guide through the music better. During this quarantine time, musicians are not able to play in an ensemble setting. On the other hand, this is also a great time for individuals to polish up their solo skills for the future performances. This project will not only benefit the students but also certainly enhance my flute performance as this project will encourage me to polish up the foundation skills to flute playing. I am hoping to use the MAS funds to purchase the most essential equipment, a microphone and a music stand, to make this recording the best at home, given the circumstances of COVID-19. I also am asking for a flute maintenance funding in order for me to record the best sound possible. If provided, I will be able to start off with recording the 20 Gariboldi Etudes by the end of June. Afterwards, I am planning to make guided videos of a complete etude book every two months.

Budget:

Shure SM57 Microphone + Mic Stand	\$130
20 Gariboldi Etudes	\$20
18 Anderson Etudes	\$10
125 Easy Classical Studies collection	\$25
100 Easy And Progressive Studies After Cramer (Volume 1)	\$30
Orchestra Excerpt Book	\$40
Flute Maintenance + Fix the headjoint issue	\$250
	Total \$465