

TAP SHOES FOR SUMMER THEATRE AND BEYOND: OUTCOME REPORT

RESULTS

My semester of tap study and preparation for my upcoming professional performance apprenticeship as aided by the purchase of new tap shoes has been one of growth for me as a dancer, performer, and choreographer.

This mini grant allowed me to purchase two pairs of new tap shoes, and in turn has allowed me to spend this semester in independent study exploring different styles of tap dancing. I strengthened my technique as a tapper, pushed myself to return to choreographing, and prepared my physical tapping stamina for a summer of starring in a tap-heavy role this summer at Lees-McRae Summer Theatre.

With the purchase of these shoes, I choreographed a modern hip-hop tap piece, a traditional musical theatre show-stopper number, and a modern Broadway-style dance. As I wrote in my proposal, tap dancing is a skill all musical theatre performers are expected to master. In less than a month I will begin rehearsals at a professional theatre where I will be performing in *Newsies*, a musical known for its intricate tap dancing. Because of this grant I was able to purchase a sturdy pair of high-heel tap shoes, allowing me to begin training my feet months before rehearsal even began.

These shoes have already opened opportunities that have given me new artistic skills that I did not have before this semester. Going into this summer, the two pairs of tap shoes purchased by this grant will allow me to rehearse and perform this fantastic and challenging role in *Newsies*. I am already more confident in my tapping skills, and feel much more prepared to begin this professional performance position.

The benefits of these new tap shoes do not stop after this summer, however. The quality shoes that the Miller Arts Scholars program helped me purchase will last for years to come, well after graduation from UVA and into my professional performance career.

EXPENDITURES

LaDuca Roxie Hard Sole Tap	\$299.00
Capezio "FlexMaster" Split-Sole Lace Up Tap Shoes	\$87.00
Shipping	\$24.00
TOTAL	\$410.00