

## TAP SHOES: FOR SUMMER THEATRE AND BEYOND

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Musical theatre performance and tap dancing have been closely related since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Tap dancing is a skill all musical theatre performers are expected to master, and one that I find myself longing to explore further. As a musical theatre based actress, dance is a crucial part of my training. However, my old pair of tap shoes recently broke, leaving me without a pair of shoes to dance in as I leave for a summer as an apprentice at a professional theatre where I will be performing in *Newsies*, a musical known for its intricate tap dancing. This musical will also require me to perform in high-heel tap shoes, something I do not currently own.

Going into this summer, I need two reliable pairs of tap shoes to get me through rehearsals and performances of the beloved musical. Both types of shoes, split-sole and high-heel, have different functions, and are both necessary for performers entering the professional audition world. Tap shoes that serve both functions will greatly facilitate my rehearsals and performances of *Newsies*, as well as auditions for future projects. New tap shoes will also last me for many years to come, and will allow me to tap in classes, rehearsals, and auditions well after I graduate from UVA and enter the professional performance world.

### PROPOSAL

I am applying to the Artist Mini Grant in the amount of \$410 to purchase a pair of LaDuca Roxie Hard Sole Tap Shoes and a pair of Capezio FlexMaster Tap Shoes. A quality pair of split-sole tap shoes will allow me to work on more intricate and complicated tap dancing, while a pair of LaDuca high-heel shoes that meet industry standards will be invaluable for performing as and auditioning for almost every tap-heavy female character in the musical theatre cannon, such as the one I will be portraying in *Newsies* this summer. These two pairs of shoes will serve me in my apprenticeship this summer, my trip to study theatre in London this fall, and beyond as I enter my life as a working actress.

### PROPOSED BUDGET

<a href="#">LaDuca Roxie Hard Sole Tap</a>	\$299.00
<a href="#">Capezio "FlexMaster" Split-Sole Lace Up Tap Shoes</a>	\$87.00
Shipping	\$24.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$410.00</b>