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Miller Arts Scholars Fall 2021

A Killer Headshot: Crucial to the Actors Success

Outcome Report

I am extremely grateful to have received a Miller Arts Mini-Grant this past semester. I was able to have professional hair and makeup done by Emily King Brown and a headshot session with Jeremy Bustin, renowned Richmond photographer. I chose Jeremy because he had been highly recommended to me by Lydia Newman and Karen Zipor, and it was only a one-hour drive from UVA.

I reached out to Jeremy, and he offered me a custom deal: 4 wardrobe changes and 2 retouched images for \$300. Emily did my hair and makeup for \$200. Talking to Emily while she was prepping me was amazing because she is a professional actress as well as a makeup artist and gave me some amazing advice about pursuing my dream and finding auditions! Jeremy was also able to offer advice, and the experience was comfortable and welcoming. Jeremy had me bring a ton of wardrobe options and helped me narrow it down to four looks based on character types I intended to audition for and personalities I wanted to convey through my photos. Jeremy coached and encouraged me through my poses, and Emily played Musical Theatre songs during the shoot to get me feeling excited and confident!

This was one of the greatest experiences I have ever had; it's one of the coolest things I've gotten to do through UVA. I loved the outcome of the photos so much that choosing just two was difficult! Luckily, Jeremy was feeling incredibly generous and retouched 2 extra headshots that he wanted me to have for free. I still have access to all the photos we took and can purchase more retouched images any time I'd like. I feel very set up for submitting summer auditions and applications and I cannot thank Miller Arts and Jeremy Bustin enough. This was a step I needed to take to pursue my acting dreams and I am incredibly glad I did it!

Service	Cost
Pro Hair and Makeup	\$200
Custom Headshot Session	\$300
Total	\$500

*****Scroll down to see my retouched looks!**

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