

Lydia Newman

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Arts Scholar Third-Year Award Application

## **Musical Theatre Training Through Summer Intensives**

### **Project Overview**

This upcoming summer, I intend to study musical theatre at a 1-3 week intensive either in New York City or Boston. I applied to three programs: Broadway Artists Alliance, Boston Conservatory at Berklee's Musical Theatre Acting Intensive, and Berklee's Musical Theater Workshop.

As a drama major, I have thoroughly enjoyed the classes I have taken at UVA which include Acting 1, Performance And/As Theory, Scenic Technologies, Directing I, and Making Theatre Histories, and I believe that they have led me to become a well-rounded scholar of drama. However, UVA does not have a specific performance-based track or a musical theatre major, and I feel that my education as a musical theatre performer will be enhanced by training in addition to that which I receive at UVA.

While attending a summer intensive, I intend to keep a daily journal containing my goals and what I have learned each day. Following the intensive, I will read through this journal and create a document that contains what I learned. This will be a part of my outcome proposal, which will also include photos and, potentially, videos.

At each of these programs, I would receive training that is not currently offered at the University of Virginia. I believe that these summer programs would supplement my degree with a more rigorous musical theatre performance track. I plan on learning about the performing arts industry from professionals and forming connections with peers that will help me to feel better established in the industry. I believe that a summer program in acting or musical theatre is the best way I could possibly spend my summer as a drama scholar.

I was recently accepted to Boston Conservatory at Berklee's Musical Theatre Acting Intensive, I have not yet heard from Broadway Artists Alliance, and Berklee's Musical Theatre Workshop is a non-audition program with video audition placement. As each of these programs incurs different costs, I will be providing separate budgets below and will contact Miller Arts as soon as I have heard from each program and made a decision.

### **Participation in the Arts**

I am currently a second-year drama major at UVA. At UVA, I have had the privilege of performing in First Year Players' production of *The Music Man* and UVA Drama's production of *Love and Information*; I am currently working on a production of *Boys the Musical* through UVA Drama's New Works Festival. As a member of the Drama Arts Board, I have worked with fellow students on various proposals of artists to bring to grounds. I took CASS 1010 in Fall 2020, and I am currently enrolled in CASS 1011 where I have enjoyed getting to know my fellow arts scholars. I am heavily involved in the arts at UVA, and I intend to bring my passion for drama and the arts into my future career as an actor.

### **PROJECTED TIMELINE**

#### **SPRING 2021**

- Submit all video auditions and applications for summer programs.
- Hear back regarding admittance/rejection from programs.
- Inform Miller Arts of my status regarding the programs.

#### **SUMMER 2021**

- Attend one of these summer programs for 1-3 weeks.

#### **FALL 2021**

- Implement knowledge and training gained at a summer intensive into department shows, classes, student organizations, and activities within the Miller Arts community.

#### **SPRING 2022**

- Give an outcome presentation that details what I learned at the summer intensive that I attended in Summer 2021.

## **BUDGETS**

### **OPTION 1 Boston Conservatory at Berklee MT Acting Intensive**

**Tuition-** Tuition for rigorous program modeled after Boston Conservatory's top-ranking musical theatre programs.

Tuition for on-campus musical theatre acting intensive session, July 12- July 30th, 2021	\$2330
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**Housing and Meals-** Housing and meals for summer program students. Housing is provided by Berklee

Students living on campus will be housed in residence halls and receive meals at Berklee dining halls.	\$2075
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**Travel-** Cost to travel to and from Boston

Travel will be provided by my family, as they are able to drive me on these dates.	\$0
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**Supplies-** Dance attire is imperative for workshops.

Two leotards from Discount Dance Supply	\$95
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**TOTAL: \$4500**

#### **Budget Income, Funding, or Other Awards**

Income item: MAS Third Year Award	\$3000
Income item: Personal contribution	\$1500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4405</b>

### **OPTION 2 Broadway Artists Alliance**

**Tuition-** Tuition for in-person summer intensive in New York City.

Tuition for intensive from July 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	\$1345
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**Housing and Meals-** Housing and meals are not included in BAA tuition, but the website lists recommended hotels.

Students stay in a hotel, recommended is Homewood Suites by Hilton. Price for 4 nights at \$220 per night.	\$880
Price to eat in the city for 5 days, according to GSA rates, which are \$76 per day and \$57 for the first and last day.	\$342

**Travel-** Cost to travel to and from New York City

Amtrak Tickets to and from New York City	\$60
Uber from Penn Station to Homewood Suites, Uber from Homewood Suites to Penn Station	\$32

**Supplies-** The workshop requires many masterclasses and has a final showcase; it is imperative to dress professionally and have appropriate attire.

Character Tap Shoes, LaDuca Leanne	\$250
Two leotards from Discount Dance Supply	\$95

**TOTAL: \$3004**  
**Budget Income, Funding, or Other Awards**

Income item: MAS Third Year Award	\$3000
Income item: Personal Contribution	\$4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3004</b>

### OPTION 3 Berklee Musical Theatre Workshop

**Tuition-** Tuition for intensive music theatre workshop.

Tuition for intensive from August 16th - August 20th, 2021	\$1295
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**Housing and Meals-** Price to be housed at Berklee and to eat in Boston.

Housing price	\$895
Price to eat for 5 days 4 nights in Boston, according to GSA rates, which are \$71 per day and \$53.25 for the first and last day.	\$319.50

**Travel-** Flight from Baltimore, MD to Boston, MA and return.

Flight from BWI to Boston Logan and returning according to Southwest Airline ticket prices.	\$522
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**Supplies-** Dance attire is imperative for workshops.

Two leotards from Discount Dance Supply	\$95
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**TOTAL: \$3126.5**  
**Budget Income, Funding, or Other Awards**

Income item: MAS Third Year Award	\$3000
Income item: Personal Contribution	\$126.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3126.50</b>