

Funding a Personal Recording Device

Throughout my time as a flutist and at UVA, there has been an increase in the use of recording devices as a means of auditioning/competing. Especially due to the covid pandemic, online means have become easily accessible for all parties involved. Undoubtedly, the quality of the recording does have a large impact on how the piece is received, despite the immense work that goes into learning technique and shaping phrases. Hence the recording device used has a large impact on audition processes and even in hearing details for personal practice. In each year that I have been at UVA, I have borrowed a recording device from the UVA library to record audition/competition material. While I am very grateful to have access to these materials as a student, there are strict restrictions on borrowing the recording equipment. The limits are currently to a day, returned to the desk by 11 PM with no renewal allowed on the student end through Virgo. This system is something I often have to work around when considering when to record and if re-recording is necessary. Therefore, for this mini grant, I would like to request funding for my own Tascam recorder in order to record audition material on my own time.

With my own recording device, I will be able to better evaluate my own playing for the purpose of auditioning, as well as my own improvement or with a chamber group. When I am playing my flute, my thoughts on how the piece was done differ from how others may receive it, or even when I listen back to the recording later on. Having a good quality recording device allows my improvement and perception of my playing to be well understood and well rounded. Additionally, these devices endure and do not have to be regularly replaced if well kept. In the timeline of this mini grant, I hope to purchase the Tascam within a week of receiving the mini grant, to then use it for future practice sessions in multiple different settings.

Budget:

- Tascam Portacapture x6: \$369
- TASCAM AK-DR11CMKII Accessories: \$49
- Total: \$418