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*A Dança Portuguesa* Minigrant Outcome Report

One year ago I was awarded a Minigrant by the University of Virginia Miller Arts Scholars Program to fund a GoPro HERO4 Silver to serve as my second documentation tool to help create an exceptional video documentary for *A Dança Portuguesa*, my Third Year Arts Award project. I was extremely grateful to receive this funding and was very cautious all semester in how I treated my materials and tools. I used the GoPro all semester to capture different footage of my experiences abroad just to ensure that it was in fact working. And it did. All semester it worked perfectly. The night before my first interview I tested the GoPro to make sure it was working correctly. The morning of my interview I did the same. Once I got to the interview location, my teachers were very late to begin the interview. As I was waiting for the interview to begin I continued to test the GoPro as I set up my materials. Once the interview began, the GoPro did not work. We all tried figuring out how to turn the GoPro back on and what was wrong with it. Nothing worked. It was not out of battery and charging it did not help. My GoPro worked all semester until I actually needed it for the project. I was extremely disappointed and embarrassed that it stopped working for my shoots. The second interview session was too soon after the first to find a store and have it repaired. Unfortunately, the GoPro was out of use for this project but I look forward to being able to use it in future video projects.

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