

## Preparation for the Musical Theatre World

### Project Summary

As I continue to continue my lifelong goals of professional performing, I am eager to have the best materials to help me be the most successful. I am aware of how important preparation and professionalism is and I am eager to step it up.

The proper shoes to ensure safety, a professional look, and preparation is a must. As a very experienced dancer who competed in dance competitions around the world, I have always had my eye on La Duca Character Shoes and Jason Samuel Smith Tap shoes. Both shoes are extremely expensive but necessary for an aspiring professional. These shoes would not only better prepare me, but they would also improve my style of dance. The sound Jason Samuel Smith makes is unmatched and will immediately improve my craft and tapping abilities. Similarly, the La Duca Character Shoes offer the performer extremely comfortable shoes to wear which make it easier to dance. Dancing in heels is already a struggle so anything to help relieve that struggle would be greatly appreciated. The shoes give the performer cleaner lines as it is much easier to point and extend the foot in a shoe with separated soles on the arch. Almost all other character shoes have a shank that is connected to the soles, making it impossible to articulate the foot. This would support my articulation and once again help me improve my overall craft. I would not feel more confident training but would also feel more confident at auditions. I am looking forward to my future in musical theater and have a ton of goals of a performer and am certain these materials would set me up for greater success.

The assistance of the Mini Grant would help support me with these expensive items. I am beyond grateful for this potential opportunity and thank you so much for your consideration!

### Budget

Expense	Description	Amount
La Duca Character Shoes	Alexis 2.5" Soft Shoe <a href="https://www.laducashoes.com/products/alexis-2-5-soft-sole">https://www.laducashoes.com/products/alexis-2-5-soft-sole</a>	\$230
Jason Samuel Smith Tap Shoes	Black <a href="https://us.blochworld.com/collections/jason-samuels-smith-tap-shoes/products/ladies-jason-samuels-smith-tap-shoes-black-leather">https://us.blochworld.com/collections/jason-samuels-smith-tap-shoes/products/ladies-jason-samuels-smith-tap-shoes-black-leather</a>	\$243
		\$475

**Timeline- All purchased by the end of the Spring Semester of 2025**