

Mary Hall
Miller Arts Scholars Minigrant Proposal
Fall 2024

Expanding A Portfolio

Project Summary

As I wrap up my time at the University of Virginia, I've found myself taking on a variety of new artistic projects. This year, as I work on my thesis, I'm also working on an Overcranked student film. One of the pros that I have going into this is that I am also a musician, so I am able to assist in scoring my own film. However, I don't have adequate hardware to work on it. Therefore, I'd like to use Miller Arts funding to purchase a high quality midi keyboard.

Having a midi keyboard with a full range of octaves allows me to have all of the tools possible to plug in different instruments into a software such as Garageband or Reaper to score my film. This way I wouldn't need to necessarily have a learning curve to the keyboard since I already have knowledge of piano and learned how to use a MIDI keyboard in sound design last fall. The knowledge from sound design would also help with scoring the film. This could also assist me in furthering any music I do beyond my time at UVA.

Furthermore, in terms of building my portfolio, I'd like to purchase a subscription to New Play Exchange. As I continue to write and consider sending in plays for contests, festivals, and graduate schools, I'd like to also have my plays readily available to the public. I've heard from UVA Drama alumni that putting their plays on New Play Exchange has led to their plays being put on all over the country at short play festivals and otherwise, and would love to present myself that opportunity.

With the assistance of a Miller Arts Scholars minigrant, I'll be able to further build my portfolio and therefore broaden my opportunities as an actor and artist. I am beyond grateful for this potential opportunity, and thank you so much for your consideration!

Budget

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arturia KeyLab Essential mk3 88-key Keyboard Controller - White	88 key midi keyboard with full octave range	\$422.94
New Play Exchange Subscription	1 year subscription	\$18

Total: \$440.94

Timeline:

Mid-to-Late October:

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- Purchase midi keyboard
- Purchase New Play Exchange Subscription

Early November:

- Receive midi keyboard & explore options
- Upload plays to New Play Exchange

Spring 2025:

- Score Overcranked film