Susana Kuhn Spring Mini Grant Outcome Report

Thanks to the Miller Arts Scholar's Foundation I was able to apply to a 6-week Summer Acting Intensive Abroad last spring. I was accepted into the program in mid-April and on May 24th, I was on a flight to Dublin, Ireland to study at the Gaiety School of Acting as well as the West End House in Killarney.

This was a summer full of classes in voice, and movement for performance as well as Irish theater studies, and new work development. This included readings by several Irish playwrights such as Becket, O'Casey, Lady Gregory, and Brian Freel. Beyond that, I spent most of my nights attending local arts performances or touring cultural centers throughout Killarney and Dublin to learn about the ways in which politics, culture, and landscape of a particular place inform the theater being created at a particular time. These courses ended in 2 showcases, one in Killarney and the other in Dublin, showcasing the work that we did through monologues and short scenes.

As I return back to UVA, I am particularly grateful that I was able to pay the additional $500 application fee for the University to enable transfer credits. As a result, I am now able to apply the work I did in my abroad classes into future academic projects. As I go into my fourth year at UVA I am currently taking classes such as Acting 2, playwriting, and American Cinema which build upon the themes and exercises that I had worked upon this summer. I am hopeful that these experiences will allow me to work towards a capstone project this spring on these same relationships between culture, content, and performance.

**Photo with my 6-week Acting Cohort after
 our showcase in Killarney**

**Ticket to see Translations
 at the Gaiety Theater**

Budget:

Option 1- A Summer at Gaiety:

Expense	Description	Amount
Study Abroad Administrative Fee	Required to apply/ participate to study abroad programs outside of UVA	$500

Total: $500

Thank you to the Arts Scholar's Fund for helping fund this once in a lifetime experience!