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Miller Arts Scholars McKinnon Minigrant

Performance Concentration Accompanist Support

With the support of the Miller Arts Scholars McKinnon Minigrant, I worked closely with my accompanist, Alex Suh, and had enough rehearsals to put together the music for the Performance Concentration audition. Additionally, with the support of the grant, Alex was also able to rehearse with me before my Tea Time performance, giving us an unexpected bonus opportunity to present this piece.

Alex accompanied me on Jules Mouquet's *La Flute de Pan*, Op. 15. Alex and I rehearsed three times before the audition, once with Dr. Kelly Sulick, my professor. We received constructive feedback from her and further worked on it together to make it audition-ready. After our three rehearsals before the audition, we were adequately prepared. I auditioned for the concentration on March 26th, and earned a spot. This would not have been possible without Alex's help and further the McKinnon Minigrant for making his accompaniment possible. Congratulations to my fellow Miller Arts Scholars, Lauren Kim and Lizzie Mayhood, as well as Janelle Lawson, for also getting into the concentration!

I am grateful for the opportunity to move forward in my performance career. I will now be able to work alongside the music faculty in a closer setting and take advanced lessons and a seminar to best refine my performance capabilities.

Additionally, Alex and I played in the Tea Time performance on April 25th. Tea Time is a recital opportunity at the end of every semester for all music students to showcase their talents and livestream their performance. I have done one every semester and enjoy both documenting my progress and allowing my out-of-state family to see me play when they can. One of my rehearsals prior to the concentration audition ended up being short, so we had an extra 30 minute rehearsal before the performance. The resulting livestream can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/sUWtNekaWRs?si=MRzeEA0w3b8OEbGc&t=3495> (starting at 58:15).

Thank you to the McKinnon Minigrant and to Alex Suh for making both of these important performances possible.

Rehearsal Schedule	Price per hour
First Rehearsal, March 20th	1 hour, \$30
Second Rehearsal with Dr. Sulick, March 24th	1 hour, \$30
Third Rehearsal, March 25th	30 minutes, \$15
Warm-up and Audition, March 26th	30 minutes, \$15
Tea Time Run-Through, April 25th	30 minutes, \$15
Tea Time Performance, April 25th	30 minutes, \$15

Total: \$120